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COMMAND GUIDANCE

by Robert K. Brown

It Is Not The Wishes Of The Majority

It is not the wishes of a majority of the people that decides the outcome of an election. I hope this statement shocks you into reading the rest of this editorial. What decides the outcome of an election is the wishes of a majority of registered voters who actually get off their duffs and go and vote. The election coming up on 3 November next is no exception.

The polls indicate that large numbers even of the dull-eyed slugs who normally vote Democratic by reflex are sufficiently disaffected and disgusted by the disgraceful and corrupt antics of our Commander-in-Heat that they're going to stay home. This gives us a splendid opportunity to increase the Republican, pro-gun majorities in the senate and the house. Also, with a predicted low turn-out, your vote will count for a lot more than would be the case in a "normal" year (whatever that is).

Two of the basic maxims of politics are (1) you always run scared; you never assume that you've won the race until after the votes have been counted; and (2) the easiest way to lose an election is not to make double-dip sure that every last man and woman on your side is registered and actually goes and votes.

How do you fit into this? First of all, find out how the candidates in your state and congressional district actually stand on the gun-rights issues. If the candidate is an incumbent, find out how he or she actually voted, for instance on the Brady Act or the Feinstein Amendment. The NRA puts out voter advisories; this is one of a long list of reasons for joining the NRA if you haven't done that yet. It's also a good idea to check with the opposition and get their version of the dirt on the candidate. Remember that politicians are in the business of agreeing with everyone on everything; this is why you have to look behind their announced position paper to see where they actually stand.

In New York state the decision, at least in the senate race, is easy. Congressman

Charles Schumer, a devout, observant, zealous enemy of guns and gun-rights, is running on the Democratic ticket against Senator Alphonse d'Amato, a moderate Republican with a respectable pro-gun record. If we win this one, it's a two-bagger: d'Amato, not Schumer, will represent New York in the senate, and Schumer does not go back to the house.

It's not enough just to inform yourself and vote. Write as big a check as you can to your candidate's campaign fund; it's a lot cheaper than having your guns confiscated. It is not tax-deductible — but for that reason all the more appreciated. Then get involved. No campaign ever has enough money to hire people to do everything that has to be done: manning phone banks, stuffing envelopes, ringing doorbells, putting in yard signs and all the rest. Of course it's a lot of work, but it can also be a lot of fun and it has to be done. If we don't do it, who will?

I am sufficiently convinced of the critical importance of getting Schumer out of congress that I am again going into the fray, even as we did in the 1994 Washington state race that unseated House Speaker Tom Foley, mostly by way of strategically placed radio spots cut by well known gun-rights supporters. This costs money. Please send your maximum check to:

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P.S. Occasionally, I get the feeling that the country was better run when the political process paid more heed to the polls and less to the polls. Maybe that shows how old-fashioned I am. ✕

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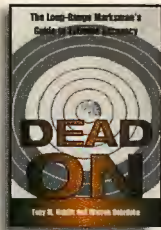
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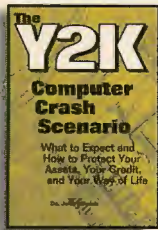
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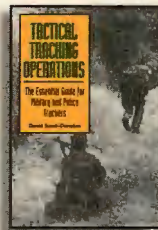
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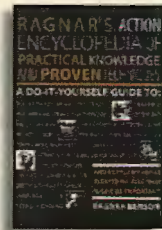
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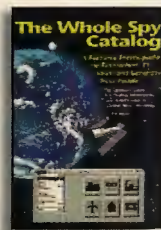
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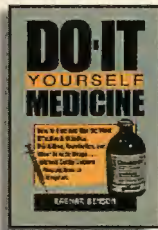
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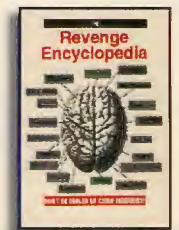
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Kukri Kudos

Thank you for an interesting and informative piece. Good to know that the old kukri is alive and cutting in the U.S. However, I would like to draw your attention to certain aspects of the article: To be precise, a *Havildar* wears the three stripes of a sergeant, is an NCO, but is not authorized a salute. A kukri instructor would have been a *Naik*, a corporal with two stripes. Form of address still used by troops in the Pakistan and Indian army is *ustad-ji*, which means "o' my teacher." An officer in a combat unit of these two professional armies will still address a *naik* by the term *ustad*, without the respectful *ji* suffix.

Your article says "members of the infil-

tration team put aside their ... rifles." No soldiers of the Indian subcontinent, who are recruited from martial tribes and castes older than the mythified samurai, would lay aside their rifles. They would sling them crosswise across their backs. What do you think happens in the famous "kukri charges" of Gurkha regiments? Two companies lay aside their rifles, charge the enemy, then go back, gather them up and prepare to face a counterattack, which is standard infantry drill?

Gurkhas still serve in the Indian army, and there are a few million of them in India, many demanding an independent Gorkhland! Nepali and Gorkha are not synonyms. There are also Gurkhas serving in Singapore and Brunei, although during my service with the French Foreign Legion, I did not meet any of them. As an officer in the Pakistan army, I found them as compe-

tent adversaries as Sikhs, Jats, Dogras, Rajputs, Garhewalis and Maharathas.

Field Marshal Slim's book *Defeat Into Victory* gives a good account of the daredevil exploits of all these exotic tribes recruited by the British who faithfully followed their officers in whichever direction they led them to honor their contracts. Philip P. Masson's (Oxford scholar and Secretary of the Chiefs of Staff Committee during WWII) *A Matter of Honor* is also an interesting book on the indigenous martial practices of the Indian warrior class which were incorporated within regimental training of the British Indian Army — usually by *Naiks* and not *Havildars*.

And, by the way, a *Jemadar* is not a Lieutenant; it is the rank roughly equivalent

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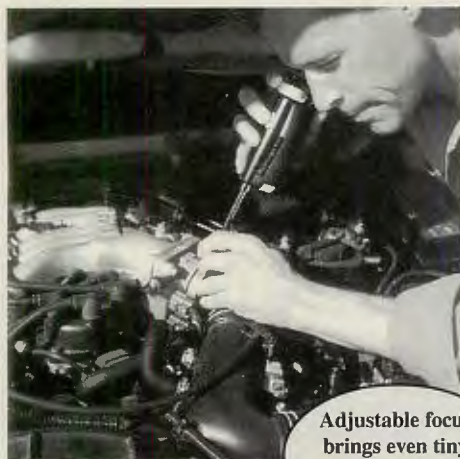
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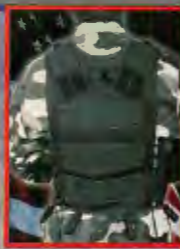
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to that of a Warrant Officer, which carried a few more frills in the British days. Today, a *Jemadar* is called a *subadar* in all units except the cavalry, in which his rank is *Risaldar*. These two ranks are part of the structure called JCOs: Junior Commissioned Officers, who used to be called VCOs (Viceroy's Commissioned Officers) in the good old days. Even the Head of State of India or Pakistan has to address him as *Sahib*, much as an Adjutant of the French Foreign Legion would be addressed as *Mon Adjutant*, even by the president of the Republic.

Yours faithfully,

A. Gill, Ph.D.
Grenoble, France



NAA Guardian

I just read Peter Kokalis' excellent review of the NAA Guardian pistol in your September issue. I looked that gun over at the '98 SHOT Show and it is indeed an outstanding little pistol, albeit a little pricey for what is basically a DAO capgun mechanism.

What puzzles me, however, is Mr. Kokalis' condemnation of the Seecamp LWS, of which the NAA Guardian is a vir-

tual clone. Yes, there is a waiting period if you want a handmade gun that costs \$50 less than the presumably machine-made NAA Guardian. And the Seecamp does have a European-style butt-mounted magazine release ... not really a factor in a last-ditch, up-close weapon. Is the Seecamp difficult to disassemble? Not if you own a paper clip.

The Seecamp's lack of sights is a non-issue. I regularly practice with mine, and I can predictably hit the 9x10" center area of an NRA TQ-15 silhouette target within a 7-yard distance. More to the point is the late Louis Seecamp's reported reply when questioned about his "sightless" pistol: "For Chrissake, you stick it up their nose and pull the trigger!"

I agree in principle with Mr. Kokalis that the NAA Guardian should be a back-up only. In the scorching desert southwest, however, where shorts and a polo shirt are appropriate most of the year, it's rather difficult to conceal anything much larger than one of these pint-size guns. Sure, I'd prefer to pack a Para-Ordnance P12 .45, but it's not going to happen without attracting unwanted attention.

Sincerely,

Leo S. Kidd
Green Valley, Ariz.

CNN, Clinton, et al.

I heard it first on the radio and TV and I always suspect what I hear from the liberal journalist society elitists. Now I've read your article and decided to visit your web site today and discovered CNN's Atlanta phone number. Of course I called them right away to see if Arnett had been fired. They transferred me to a woman who apparently has been assigned to answer Arnett inquiries. She was short and rude (but I don't wear my feelings on my shoulder) and said "he is under strict reprimand," whatever that means, and I asked if he had been fired or if there were intentions of firing him after an investigation was completed and he was proven to have reported misleading information or plain lied. Needless to say, she hung up on me before I could inquire more about CNN's intent.

I am a veteran and continue to serve proudly as a reservist. I study my oath of enlistment on a regular basis and continue to read my Code of Conduct and wonder, why do I continue to serve under a lying, deceitful, spineless coward like Bill Clinton?

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Wake Up! Street-Fighting Skills Aren't Enough!!!

You better wake up out there, this is the real world. Not even my street-fighting told me how to handle this. I was lucky they weren't out for blood. They just wanted to intimidate me. I was damn angry. Not at what happened. Hell, my ego wasn't the deal. Staying alive was! I just realized that I spent \$5,000-7,000 hard-earned dollars (not to mention the years) to learn what only works in a ring or a cage with referees and men that think they can street-fight. Yeah, they pick up a chair or use a broken bottle or knife but they never really know what they're doing. Look, let's just stop here, if you've read this far you're probably one **Tough SOB** like me, if you're not, **stop** reading this information. It's not for the weak-willed who have to get drunk to get up the guts to have a slap fight. It's for you real men that want to know the TRUTH about **lethal fighting skills**. I knew that after 5 minutes of watching Jerry Peterson's lethal SCARS® system he was nothing short of revolutionary. He'll change your mind about power and fear. I don't know if you believe in a God but Jerry must be talking to him. There's just no other answer to how he solves complex fighting problems. Jerry says, "It's in the math but it doesn't hurt to have **God** on your side." Don't make the mistake I did in '93, the first time I read about this system, "Thinking how could it be true?"

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You Know The 'Little Men'

Ever since 1993, self-proclaimed military 'gurus' and some street-fighters have been **following Jerry** making clever claims, *if you read between the lines there's nothing but ambiguous claims and self-given titles*. Have you noticed nobody produces any official paperwork? Hey, just ask those 'little men' that talk big about what they've actually done. Yep, he can talk the talk. Hell, he should, he's listened to **real** combat soldiers stories for years, but he just never quite got there himself. Hey Lew? **Truth is a bitch!** Frank how was that war in Panama, waiting at the air strip is really scary. Oh! Glad to see TRS is back with the fighter-of-the-month club. Hey, what happened to the other 5 or so "one-of-a-kind" "never can be beaten" fighters who all had similar stories? OOPS!

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Two hundred years ago, it was politically correct to call it like it is and hang the traitor by the neck from the nearest tree.

Name Withheld by request



Alphin Advocate

Had my late husband, the noted American author on African big-game hunting and safaris, been alive today he would have been appalled at the treatment meted out to Art Alphin, CEO of the A-Square Company at the hands of the BATF. I am writing this letter to applaud you for your recent coverage of this hugely distressing situation and to support Art Alphin, a long-time friend.

Art has done a great deal for the international hunting fraternity, according my husband the ultimate honor when the .470 Capstick was created and then field -tested during a buffalo hunt in Botswana in 1990. We have known Art for years. He has been

a frequent guest in our home here and has always been fiercely proud of his American heritage and the years as an officer in the U.S. Military. He has legions of friends and admirers in the safari industry who are all equally appalled at how someone of his standing, including his wife, could have been subjected to such crude and vicious treatment in the name of the law.

Something is wrong and I hope your exposure of Art's trauma helps concentrate minds to set the record straight and clear the name of our friend.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Capstick
Pretoria, South Africa

The Enemy Within?

As commander-in-chief of the U.S. Armed Forces, President Clinton must do what many other soldiers caught in his predicament have been forced to do, leave for the good of the service. For him not to do so is a slap in the face of every service member who obeys the rules governing his/her conduct.

While the commander-in-chief is not obligated to abide by the laws of the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), he should not be above those laws either.

President Clinton has committed adultery (again) and lied to the American public

(again). While he and Monica were carrying on, men and women under his command were being removed from the military for the same offense.

Our sons and daughters in uniform deserve a commander-in-chief whom they can respect and who respects their courage and commitment in return. Instead they have a commander who is a liar, a cheat and a hypocrite. They have a boss who has said he loathes the military.

The enemy is closer than we think.

Sgt. Maj. George S. Kulas, USA (Ret.)

Your points are well taken, Top. Consider also how Clinton's legal counsel explored the possibility of the seeking shelter from the Jones lawsuit in the Soldier's and Seaman's Relief Act, since he was "Commander In Chief" on active duty and could not be sued. In the Monica Matter, a military court would also consider such aggravating circumstances as the difference in rank between the do-ee and do-er, that the dalliance was carried on in the workplace and on "company time," and that he continued to lie about it until his lies were exposed. But sexual debauchery and patent dishonesty are only the tip of the iceberg. Beyond impeachable offenses such as perjury, there may well be treasonous offenses worth a hanging in wartime — but we'd settle for an impeachment-type national housecleaning. ✘

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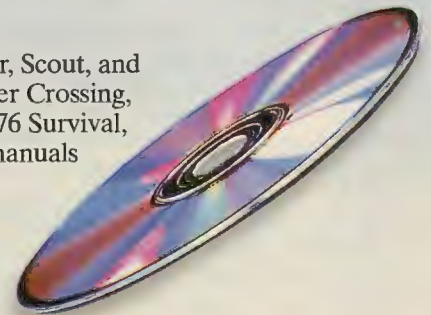
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Tobacco Bill

The Clinton presidency has ruined much that was sacred in American culture. Nine-year-old children know about adultery now, and all hope is lost of any American child growing up with innocent perceptions about truthful mommies, daddies — and presidents.

Clinton has destroyed the nation's high work-place standards, in which women thought they were legally protected from the casting couch. The Clinton/Lewinsky affair has made it perfectly clear the way to skip all layers of bureaucracy, and soar straight to the top in the workplace, is to offer sexual favors to the man-in-charge. Short of impeachment, Clinton will prove the man-in-charge has little to lose for accepting such favors.

The affair has done irreparable damage to the military, which has traditionally held soldiers to high standards that set examples for civilians. But with the commander-in-chief's careless, lurid sex, has come the official relaxing of standards regarding extra-marital affairs among the troops.

With the official release of the Starr report, another American institution was soiled: the cigar.

America's economy was largely founded on tobacco. Modern cultural and political icons around the globe, living and dead, are fondly remembered with cigars in their mouths. Some include: George Burns; Generals George Patton and Ulysses S. Grant; Winston Churchill; Mark Twain; Rudyard Kipling; Demi Moore and an array of modern pop stars who've appeared on the cover of *Cigar Aficionado* magazine.

None of these people have done anything but contribute to the mystique of the cigar. The cigar, in return, has played a significant and flattering role in developing their legendary personas.

The cigar began a comeback in America in the early '90s, around the time Clinton took office. Clinton's cigar smoking, although an affront to anti-tobacco zealots, was well-perceived by the electorate. It gave him character and class, while lending that common man look so important to all politicians.

Then Monica Lewinsky had her way with it as part of an Oval Office sex act, described in lurid detail in Ken Starr's report to congress. Folks in the cigar industry are trying to keep their humor about it, while quietly hoping the high-profile cigar desecration doesn't taint their product's noble, high-brow image.

"I hope it has significant ramifications on the image of Bill Clinton, not the cigar," says Jim Denton, who owns the Internet's premiere cigar shopping mall at www.cigar.com.

Denton says Clinton disavowed cigar smoking several years ago, to make a statement against tobacco. Now, he fears, the feel of a cigar may inevitably conjure images of Clinton making mockery of the presidency on federal property.

"Clinton is one big hypocrite," Denton says. "He publicly gave up cigar smoking to appease the anti-tobacco people. He brought attention to the cigar, then made it a non-smoking White House so he could send an anti-tobacco message to kids. And then he keeps this humidior of cigars around for kinky sex.

"It's just another example of him using children for his political gain. If he were concerned about children, he would resign. He wouldn't be trying to send a message to all children that it's okay to cheat on your wife and perform kinky sex acts on the job."

John Willette, a national cigar distributor in the Washington, D.C., area, is known as the "Cigar Guy." He supports Clinton's presidency, and hopes the Lewinsky affair won't result in impeachment. But the cigar thing bugs him.

"I just can't imagine treating a good cigar that way," says the Cigar Guy, who sells cigars by phone at 1-888-577-5717.

Willett says callers these days always want to talk about the

president's cigar. Some want to know which cigars are best for kinky sex. It upsets him a bit. He's seen the actions of one president and his bimbo turn the cigar into trailer-trash joke fodder.

"The funny thing is, several cigar companies call their longest, fattest cigar the 'Presidente,'" Willett says. "It seems like the cigar companies kind of figured."

Cigar dealers say they won't be surprised if tobacco companies soon add the "Clinton" and "Monica" to their lines of "Emperados," "Presidentes" and "Churchills."

Drugs Are Next

If nothing else, revelations in the Lewinsky affair have made one thing perfectly clear: Bill Clinton is a liar.

With being a liar comes complete lack of credibility and believability. Until now, Clinton's entire presidency has hinged on benefit of the doubt. Americans have chosen to believe Clinton's denials of countless rumors about drugs, affairs and crimes of all sorts.

The benefit of the doubt has worn too thin. The genie is out of the bottle and she ain't going back in.

With this in mind, expect confirmation soon that Clinton has a history of abusing hard drugs. Those who have told of his cocaine habit have more credibility today than the president they're telling on. *Investors Business Daily* points out the following:

- Sally Perdue, former Miss Arkansas and Little Rock talk show host, said she had an extended affair with Clinton while he was governor. In 1983, she told the London *Sunday Telegraph* Clinton once came to her house with a bag full of cocaine. "He had all the equipment laid out, like a real pro," she said.

- Gennifer Flowers says she saw Clinton smoke marijuana and carry joints with him when he first began visiting her in 1977.

- Two Arkansas state troopers have sworn under oath that they have seen Clinton "under the influence" of drugs when he was governor. Unlike Clinton, the troopers have no known history of lying under oath.

- Sharlene Wilson, a bartender serving time for drug crimes, told a federal grand jury she saw Clinton and his younger brother snort cocaine in 1979. Unlike Clinton, Wilson has no known history of lying under oath.

- Jack McCoy, a Democratic state representative and Clinton supporters, told the *Sunday Telegraph* he could "remember going into the governor's conference room once and it reeked of marijuana."

- Historian Roger Morris quotes several law-enforcement officials who say they have seen and know of Clinton's drug use.

- Roger Clinton, in a videotape made by narcotics officers in 1983-84, said during a cocaine buy: "Got to get some for my brother. He's got a nose like a vacuum cleaner."

- One-time apartment manager Jane Parks claims in 1984 she could hear Bill and Roger Clinton, in a room adjoining hers, discussing the quality of drugs they were taking.

And on, and on, and on. Clinton is an established, well-known, admitted liar. He's lied to millions at a time, and he's lied under oath. The crowd of people who say they know of Clinton's drug use have no known history of lying at all, much less under oath.

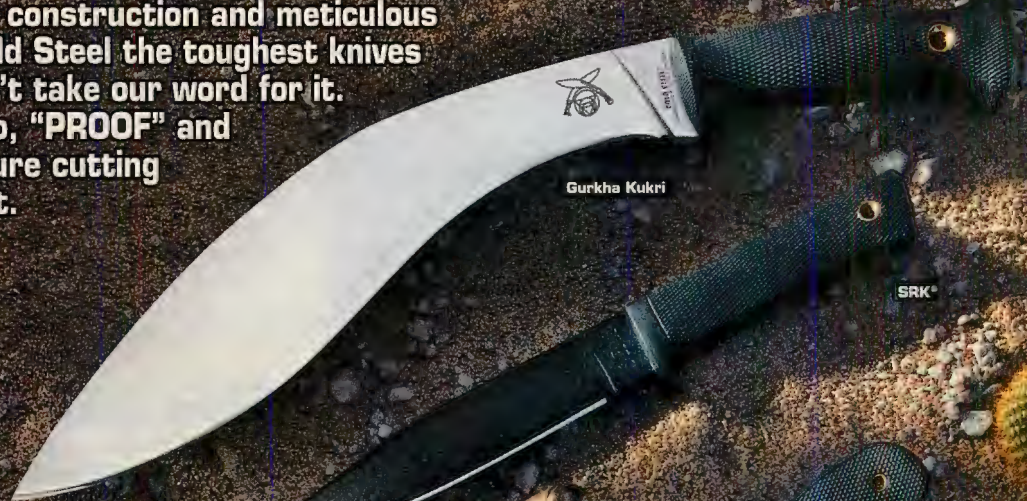
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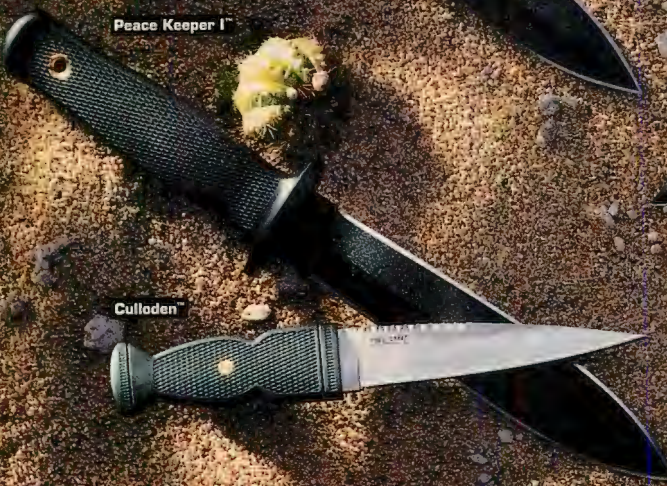
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Not your father's Hummer: DoD has a program to field hybrid (fuel/electric) vehicles, and the Air Force in particular has plans to put some 8,000 hybrids in service. This hybrid Hummer was photo'd at a technology demonstration held at Universal Studios Florida, in Orlando.

Russia To Repair Angolan Weapons

Russia and Angola have concluded an agreement whereby they will establish a joint venture to maintain and repair Soviet-made weapons now in Angola. *Rosvoorouzhnie*, Russia's principal arms dealer, announced that Russia will set up a service center for the Angolan armed forces. *Kommersant Daily* quoted a source privy to the Russian arms exports establishment as stating Angola will pay some \$80 million during the first stage of repairs. As a client of Soviet arms largess during the Colt War, Angola is still awash in Warsaw Pact weapons.

Aideed Update

Hussein Aideed, leader of one of Somalia's four political factions, recently told Nairobi's *Sunday Nation* that he would accept defeat if beaten in a democratic election in Somalia. Aideed was in Nairobi with three other leaders from the Banadir region of Somalia to meet with President Moi in Nakuru. Despite being the son and political heir of deceased Somali warlord Mohamed Farrah Aideed, Hussein refuted the notion he is also a warlord, saying "If like my father you rise up against a dictator like (Siad) Barre, are you a warlord or a freedom fighter and liberator?"

After his father died following injuries during clan fighting, Hussein Aideed, 36, was named his successor. His election was

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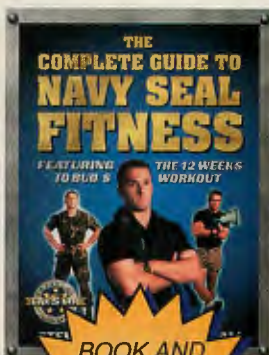
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fraught with controversy, with moderates calling for peace who were concerned he would continue his father's warlike policies, while conservatives among his own clan doubted the allegiance of Hussein Aideed, who is a former U.S. Marine and who served with the U.S. forces in Somalia as a translator. His suitability for leadership has also been questioned: Soon after his rise to power, an anonymous African aid agency official was quoted in the Western press as saying "He may not be a thug, but he's a *grunt*."

At his father's deathbed, Hussein Aideed claimed, "Just before he died he beseeched me not to avenge his killing but to continue fighting for a united Somali nation." Aideed, blaming the chaos in Somalia on interference from the West and Said Barre's 21-years of tyrannical rule, wants other African states to support his country and help repair the damage of nearly a decade of civil strife.

Aideed stated his belief the Somali people are tired of war and that the desire for national reconciliation is increasing daily. It remains to be seen just how close the four factional leaders have become or what chances Aideed, be he warlord or politician, has of leading Somalia out of ruin and back into the 20th Century. In both instances, only time will tell.

—Rob Krott

Autauga Arms: Pocket Pistol Update

Soldier Of Fortune magazine was recently sent an Autauga Arms Mark II .32 ACP for test and evaluation. When matched with small-framed, pocket-sized handguns, this caliber can meet the requirements for a backup pistol.

The Autauga Arms Mark II (Autauga Arms, Inc., Dept. SOF, Pratt Plaza Mall, Suite 13, Prattville, AL 36067-5734) literally fits into the palm of your hand. It measures 4¼ inches in overall length, and has a height of 3¾ inches. Barrel length is 2¼ inches and weight, unloaded is 13 oz. This weapon operates by means of unlocked blowback with the recoil spring below the barrel and offset to the right. The fixed sights are quite visible and the double-action-only trigger was unusually smooth. The magazine catch is a crescent shaped button located



on the left grip. It operates by pulling it to the rear, and functioned without failure.

A letter accompanied the weapon stating, "We recommend Winchester Silvertip .32 cartridges, however we have had success with other manufacturer's ammo." In our testing we found this to be true. We had no stoppages with Hornady's factory 60 grain XTP round, or Speer's Gold Dot hollow-point ammo.

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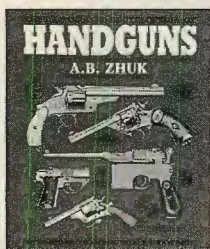
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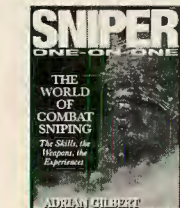


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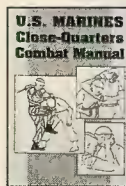


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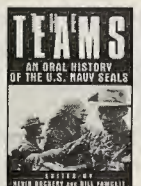
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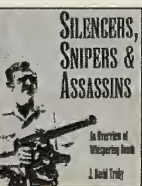
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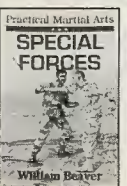
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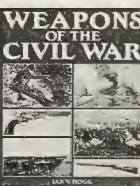
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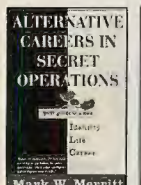
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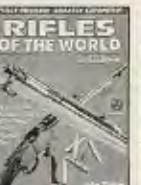
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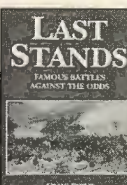
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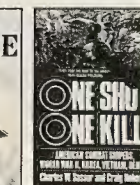
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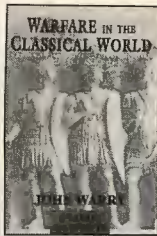


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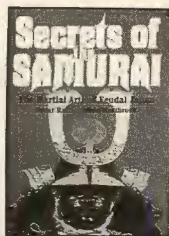
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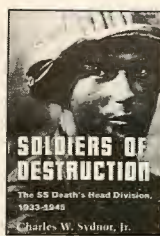
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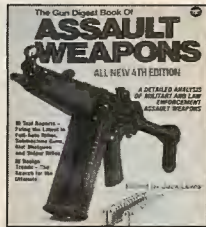
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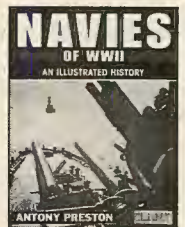
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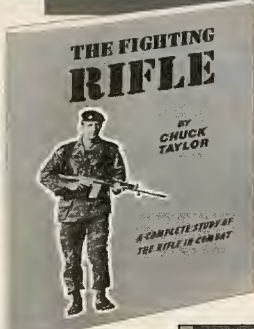


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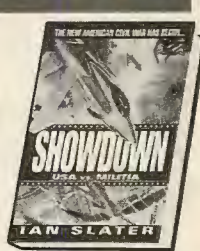
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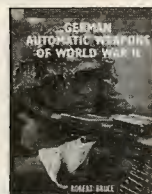
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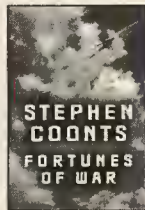
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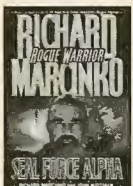
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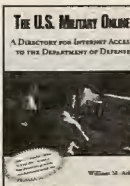
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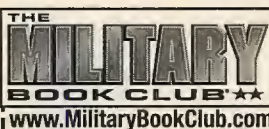
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Despite the protests of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, General Mills, the makers of Wheaties "the breakfast of champions," will carry on with their plan to put champion fisherman Denny Brauer on the next Wheaties box. Brauer won the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society Masters Classic in High Point, North Carolina, claiming a record \$1.35 million purse — and a place on the Wheaties box with other sports champions.

Pitiful PETA protested, saying, "Anglers have no place next to real sportsmen like Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods, who better represent the breakfast of champions." General Mills spokesman Jack Sheehan said the company respects the right of PETA to express their views. But Brauer will be on the box.

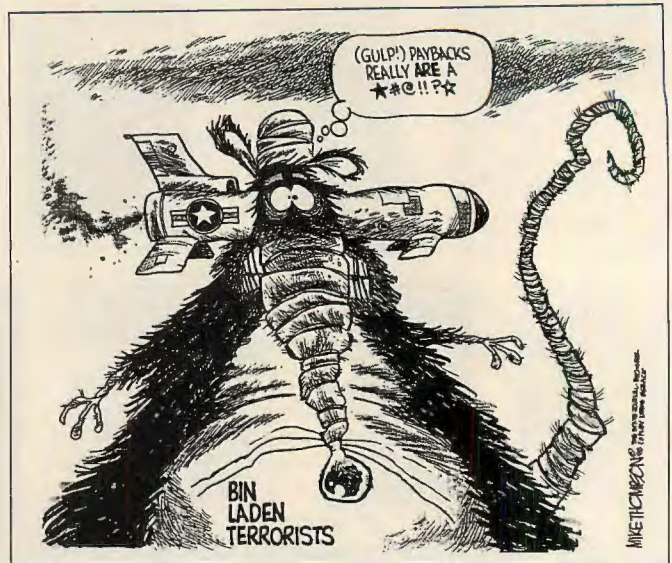
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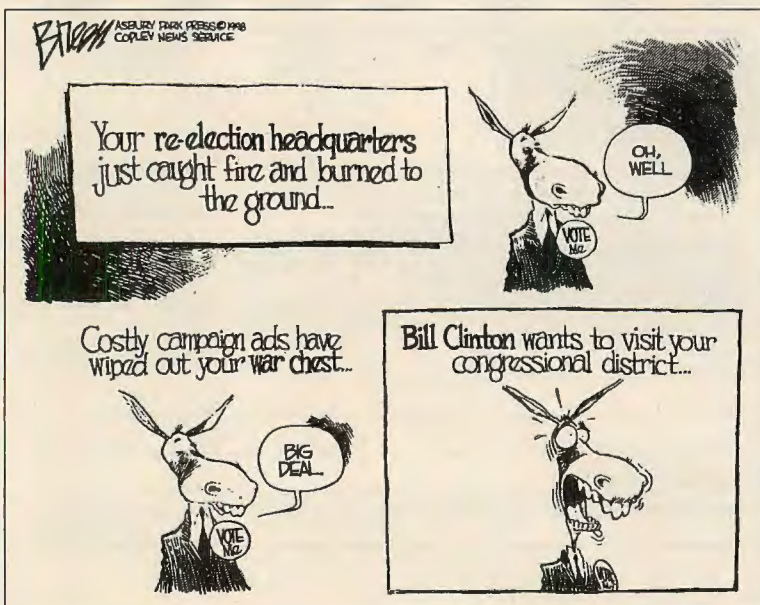
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Deadly Guns ... Or Doctors?

According to a study by Dr. William Jarvis of the Center for Disease Prevention and Control, quoted in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, nosocomial infections (the ones you get from or while in insuf-

ficiently clean hospitals) are on the rise. There were 2 million such infections acquired in hospitals in 1995, and of those medical victims some 90,000 died (and you can bet your butt the hospital still billed the family). By comparison, that's more than two-and-a-half times all the gun-related deaths in the same period. Yes citizens, we must do something about shootings, as once shot, your odds of getting a dirty deadly infection from the sawbones is 250% more than getting a lethal gun shot in the first place. Hmmm.

In Your Sites

Some web sites worth your perusal:
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Perceptive Old Byrd

Virginia House Speaker Richard E. Byrd predicted in 1910 what would happen if a federal income tax became law: "A hand from Washington will be stretched out and placed upon every man's business; the eyes of the federal inspector will be in every man's counting house ... The law will of necessity have iniquitous features, it will provide penalties, it will create complicated machinery. Under it, men will be hauled into courts distant from their homes. Heavy fines imposed by distant and unfamiliar tribunals will constantly menace the taxpayer. An army of federal inspectors, spies, and detectives will descend upon the state."

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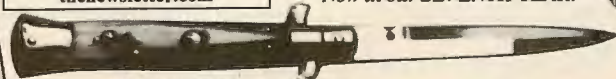
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German Automatic Weapons Of World War II

by Robert Bruce. 1996. 128 pages with 237 color photos; *Machine Guns Of World War I* by Robert Bruce. 1997. 128 pages with 323 color photos. Published by Windrow & Greene Ltd., 5 Gerrard Street, London W1V 7LJ. Autographed copies available for \$35 each postpaid directly from the author: Robert Bruce Photography, P.O. Box 482SOF, Sandston, VA 23150.

These are stunning books and belong on the bookshelf of everyone with an interest in automatic weaponry. The photography is outstanding. *German Automatic Weapons Of World War II* discusses six weapon systems in explicit detail. There are chapters on the Mauser "Broomhandle" *Schnellfeuer* machine pistol, the MP40 submachine gun, the MG34 and MG42 GPMGs, the FG42 and the StG44 assault rifle. Each chapter covers history and development, loading, firing, field-stripping and conclusions about the system.

Bruce's observations about the Mauser *Schnellfeuer* are right on target. The cyclic rate is far too high for the weapon's envelope and full-auto bursts provide extremely low hit probability at any range beyond contact distances. Furthermore, the thumb of the firing hand must rest on the right side of the frame or the hammer will remove large pieces of it during the recoil stroke. Greatly enamored by the Chinese and acquired in large quantities by them in the 1930s, it was nonetheless unsuccessful as a selective-fire weapon.

While the Mauser *Schnellfeuer* was little more than a footnote in the small arms history of the *Wehrmacht*, the MP38/40 submachine gun series matched the blitzkrieg doctrine and was the first weapon of its type to introduce a substantial amount of plastic and stamped sheet-metal in its construction. Although it remains every German World War II collector's wet dream, the MP40 was little better than the British Sten or U.S. M3 "Grease Gun" and all used not entirely satisfactory single-position-feed magazines. However, I must take exception to Robert Bruce's statement that Vollmer's "telescoping-recoil system is not to be found in any modern shoulder arm." The British Sterling submachine gun series and the Swiss SIG AMT and PE57 infantry rifles, all developed in the 1950s, employ telescoping recoil spring assemblies.

The world's first true General Purpose Machine Gun (GPMG), the MG34 was, when first introduced, "the pride of the *Wehrmacht*." However, it was a machinist's nightmare to manufacture and was extremely dust sensitive. It requires a considerable amount of lubrication and in arid environments that only attracts more debris. It was followed by the considerably more reliable MG42, a sturdy and reliable design which remains in service today throughout the world as the MG3 (MG74 in Austria) in caliber 7.62x51mm NATO and at a substantially reduced cyclic rate. Called "Hitler's Zipper" because of its 1,200 rpm cyclic rate, the MG42 remains one of the finest small arms developed during World War II.

Two chapters are used to cover the two models of the now rare and exotic *Fallschirmjaegergewehr 42* (Paratroop Rifle Model 1942). Firing the full-size German 7.92x57mm cartridge from a 20-round magazine mounted on the left side, the FG42 series had some innovative features. Semiautomatic fire was from the closed-bolt position to enhance the accuracy potential. Full-auto fire is from the



courtesy Robert Bruce

"The Grand Old Lady of No Man's Land," the Vickers Mk I water-cooled machine gun served the British and Commonwealth armies with great distinction through World Wars I and II and the Korean War. Chambered for the 7.62x51mm NATO round, it soldiered on in South Africa until the late 1980s.

open-bolt position to inhibit cook-offs. However, it was only moderately successful, as the weight of the rifle and location of its bipod diminished controllability in full-auto burst sequences.

The first widely fielded assault rifle, the StG44 series, by definition chambered for an intermediate-size round (7.92x33mm Kurz) and with selective-fire capability, was eminently successful, but by today's standards far too heavy at 11.5 pounds. Robert Bruce's examination of this important weapon is first rate and his observations are accurate in every instance.

All of the accessories and accouterments for these weapon systems are adequately covered both in the text and photography. *German Automatic Weapons Of World War II* ends with a chapter on the postwar legacy — designs developed from World War II German small arms, such as the MP5, G3, HK21, CETME Ameli and M60. While the author's assessment of the dreadful M60 is totally correct, his favorable remarks concerning the HK21 and CETME Ameli are ill-advised. The HK21 is another example of a weapon too light for its cartridge. In the field it will eventually self-destruct. The CETME

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riding with the nightriders

... he hesitated to say how close we came to a mid-air collision. "We were a safe distance, I know, because we didn't hit anything."

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'T's a real bumpy day," said Air Force Captain Tony Estock as we were lifted suddenly upward by an invisible column of hot air rising from the floor of the arid New Mexico desert north of Holloman Air Force Base, where the 48th Rescue Squadron is based.

Temperature on the desert floor was 106 degrees.

"Yeah, it's real squirrely," replied Captain Chris Finerty, who was flying the "left seat" (pilot's position) of the HH-60 Sikorsky Pave Hawk. From the port gunner's position on the left side of the helicopter, I had a ringside seat for what would be the most hair-raising ride in my life.

Finerty, Estock and Captain Paul Firenza, another pilot in the 48th Rescue Squadron, were on a three-hour tactical air refueling mission with an MC-130 tanker from the 41st RS at Patrick Air Force Base, Florida.

The tanker crew was sent to the desert southwest to prepare the "Nightriders" for deployment to Turkey. Unlike their last assignment in Kuwait, which was only a short hop from the Iraqi border, 48th rescue teams would have to refuel going into and coming out of the No-Fly Zone in Northern Iraq. There were no guarantees the missions would be flown at night when temperatures drop, even in the desert, and "tanking" is a relatively easy task.

Estock, a veteran of rescue duty in the North Atlantic, was instructing Finerty on the "fine points" of slipping in behind a tanker and sticking his refueling probe into a basket that looks like a large shuttlecock in a game of badminton. All similarities end at that point.

Less than 10% of all helicopter pilots have ever refueled in flight; fewer yet are truly proficient. It's a skill that requires "blood, sweat and tears."

After a pre-flight briefing at Holloman, Finerty, Firenza, Estock and flight engineer David Lujan climbed aboard their Pave Hawk.

The brief walk from the ready room to the helicopter was enough to soak each crewman with sweat. Temperatures on the flight line were also in the triple digits and climbing fast.

As "Jolly 07" and its sister ship, "Jolly 57," taxied out for take-off, we passed over a large set of green footprints painted on the helipad at Holloman.

The 48th is a descendent of "Jolly Green Giants," which rescued many downed air crews during the Vietnam war, a proud tradition that continues today. "Green footprints" are everywhere, even on the "Help Stamp Out Fixed Wing" scarves crewmembers wear.

Lifting off, the two-ship headed for Gunsight Peak and Elephant Butte Reservoir, a man-made lake beyond the mountains, for some water-rescue training.

As Staff Sgt. Lujan was finishing the last simulated water pick-up, I saw the tanker heading south toward Holloman. It flew a race-track pattern until we climbed to 8,000 feet and joined up.

"Jolly 07" with Lieutenant Colonel J.D. Nelson, the squadron's operations officer, at the controls, made a few "dry hits" before attempting to take on 500 pounds, or 90 gallons of gas.

"Oooh! That's ugly," said Estock as Nelson missed the basket on the left side of the modified Hercules, and flared up into a 45-degree attitude to keep from cutting off the hose, or worse yet, colliding with the tanker. The air was very turbulent.

Without warning, Nelson's 23,000-pound helicopter bounced 30 or 40 feet above the basket like a rubber ball.

Unlike fighter pilots, who are guided into position by a boom operator in the rear of a KC-135 or KC-10 tanker, there are no "service station attendants" in MC-130s to call the shots.

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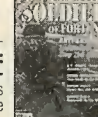
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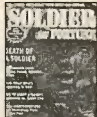
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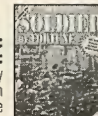
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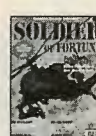
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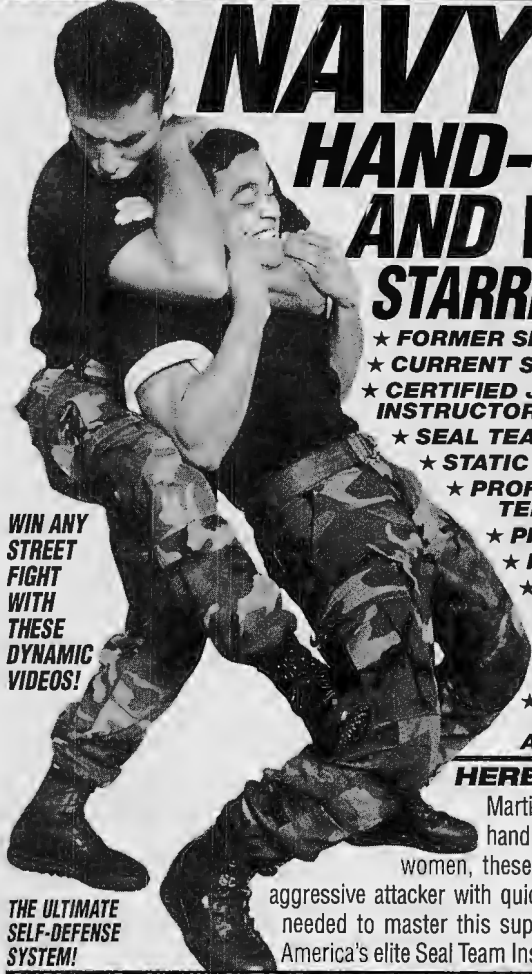
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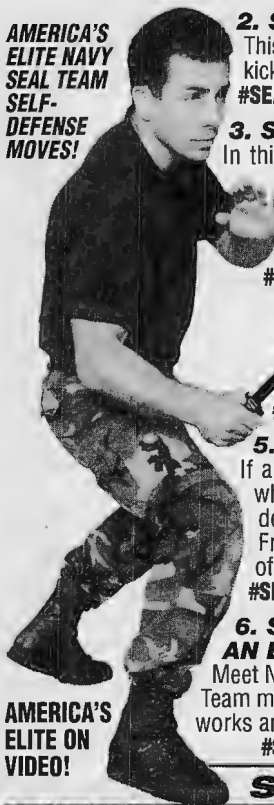
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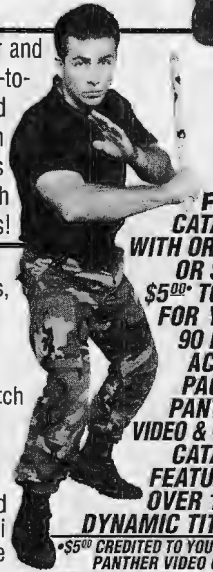
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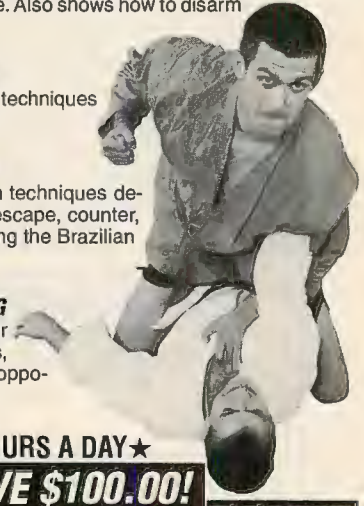
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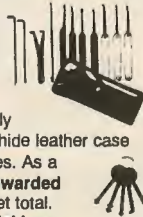
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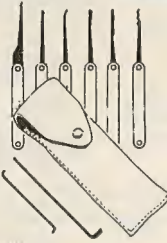
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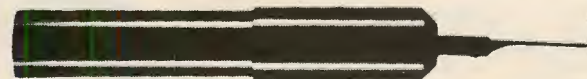


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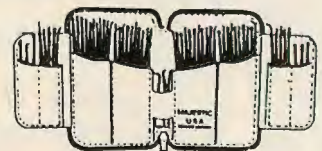
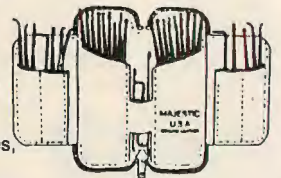
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I Was There

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Everyone, including the pilot and co-pilot, is looking forward; concentrating on flying a level course; just a few knots above stall speed (115knots) with full flaps. It's up to the helicopter pilot to make the necessary adjustments in speed and altitude to "nail the basket," and stay connected until the proper amount of fuel is sucked from the mother ship.

The refueling probe on an HH-60 Pave Hawk extends only eight-and-a-half-feet beyond the rotor path, leaving precious little maneuvering room.

When it was our time to tank, it was as if Mother Nature began an epileptic seizure. Thermal energy increased, and the ride got even bumpier. My helmet was banging on a piece of equipment hanging from the roof of the Pave Hawk.

Finerty had his hands and feet full as he approached "King 33," from the rear.

Without warning, we shot upward like a yo-yo in the hands of the Jolly Green Giant himself.

I remember seeing the tail assembly of the tanker fill the windscreen. From my vantage point behind the pilot, I could look up and see the blurry rotor path.

I glanced once at the ground wondering how long it would take us to tumble 8,000 feet, and then back at the tail in time to count three little bulbs in the strobe light. That's how close we were.

How close did we come to having a mid-air collision? I asked that question after we landed, but J.D. Nelson, who watched the whole thing, said, "You don't really want to know."

While the episode rattled me for a moment, it didn't seem to phase Capt. Estock.

He coolly keyed his lip mike, and in a calm, professional manner told Finerty that he was running out of tanker track.

"If I get excited, the guy flying the helicopter gets excited," said Estock, "but if I stay cool, he's cool."

Adding a touch of realism, Estock told Finerty, "This is your last chance. You're over the North Atlantic. You've got 400 lbs. of gas and there's no land in sight."

I watched Finerty's hand grip the collective as he applied power and pitch to the 54-foot blades, and moved in again. With sweat stinging his eyes, Finerty lined up on the right-hand basket, and nailed it, just like Michael Jordan canning a long 3-pointer.

After we landed and debriefed, Estock, Finerty and I watched the FLIR (Forward Looking Infra-Red) tape and talked about the "real world experience."

Finerty, who has been flying the Pave Hawk for only a year, said I wasn't the only one whose hair was standing up on the back of my neck.

"When it is as windy and turbulent as it

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UNITED STATES

World reacts to U.S. missile strikes: Strikes condemned by: Afghanistan (*Taliban* government); Arab League; Cuba; Iran; Iraq; Libya; Malaysia; Pakistan; *Hamas*; *Hezbollah*; Russia and Sudan. **Attacks criticized by:** Bangladesh; Indonesia; Jordan; Lebanon and Syria. **Deplored civilian losses, but did not criticize U.S.:** Algeria; Kenya; Tanzania; Organization for African Unity; Palestinian Authority; Saudi Arabia; Thailand. **Offered limited support for attacks:** France; India and Turkey. **Strongly supported attacks:** Britain; Germany; Israel; Japan; Sudanese rebels. • **War on terrorism:** President Clinton declares "all-out war against terrorism," signing order blocking Americans from any financial dealings with Osama bin Laden. Sudan declares Clinton a "war criminal" and withdraws ambassador from London. • **Not mute with Newt:** U.S. Army inquiry concludes some military officers improperly provided advice on strategy and tactics to House Speaker Newt Gingrich in his 1994 campaign to capture the House. • **Explosion:** Last Titan-4A explodes shortly after lift-off, destroying the last of the 15 Mercury-signal intelligence satellites. Of the 22 Titan-4As, two exploded and 20 were successful. The Mercury was intended for a geosynchronous orbit over Somalia, allowing it to eavesdrop over areas including Bosnia, Iraq, Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Israel.

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RUSSIA/FORMER USSR

Russian Arms exports to reach \$4 billion in 1998, marking dramatic turnaround from last year's \$2.6 billion • Kirghizstan President Akayev orders complete overhaul of Army, with new draft and mobilization systems. • Space Station Mir's 26th and next-to-last *Soyuz* capsule launches with Yuri Baturin, former advisor to Yeltsin, to make survey of station's worthiness to continue in orbit. • **Spy ring:** Russia breaks up Israeli spy ring operating through the Nativ agency (an Israeli group involved in Jewish emigration). Among Russians arrested was Alexander Sakov, an engineer involved with the Black Eagle tank project.

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KOREA

Jumpstart the nukes: North Korea warns it may restart nuclear program unless U.S. lifts sanctions. • U.S. congressional report blames North Korea for starvation deaths of 2.4 million of its own people. • South Korea prevents pro-North students from holding unification rally. • U.S. military installations in Korea sustain \$130 million in flood damage. • U.S. intelligence detects secret massive underground nuclear complex near Yongbyon, in North Korea.

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INDONESIA

Military probe finds troops misinterpreted orders during riots, rather than finding that senior officers gave orders to fire on crowds. President Habibie says he'll "rethink" Army role in society. Military officials say all past military misdeeds were fault of Suharto government. • Indonesia, in response to criticism by China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, calls for international investigation of crimes against ethnic Chinese.

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MEXICO

Murder, migration and drugs: Murder case against Raul Salinas falls apart when key witness testifies he remembers nothing. Report in *El Universal* says 14 soldiers supervising customs at Mexico City's airport were paid up to \$20,000 each week to ignore drug shipments and illegal immigrants. Mexican police seize 1,058 pounds of cocaine on one day in August at Mexico City airport. Mexico says it will take no steps to prevent illegal immigration by its citizens in to U.S., because doing so would limit their ability to improve lives.

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COLOMBIA

CIA linkage: *Washington Post* reports General Ivan Ramirez Qintero, third in command of Colombia's army, worked for CIA. Gen. Qintero was linked to right-wing paramilitary groups with links to the drug trade. • President Pastrana vows to demilitarize 19,000 square miles (known to be prime corridors for drug trade) in order to initiate peace talks with rebels. A post of 180 troops was attacked by 600 FARC rebels in mid August near Tombeles. FARC captured 20 soldiers, bringing total they hold to 217.

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EGYPT

Government charges 21 members of *Al-Qatbiyun* group with plotting assassinations. Poll shows 84% of Egyptians would prefer for government to spend money on economy rather than nuclear weapons program.

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TURKEY

Kosovo connection: Turkey to begin rebuilding Albania's main naval base in the Adriatic town of Vlora, damaged during civil disorder of 1997. Turkey's Navy Forces Command has granted \$5 million to the project. Turkish parliament has approved deployment of Turkish troops to Albania if conflict in Kosovo spreads. Turkey provides equipment and training to Albania's armed forces as part of a cooperative agreement.

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CHINA

Talks under way between Moscow and Beijing to provide about 20 Su-30 fighters to Chinese People's Liberation Army/Air Force, a senior official with AVPK Sukhoi told *Defense News*. Source said Beijing also wants license for production of Su-30s. China has already begun assembling Su-27 fighters from parts provided by AVPK Sukhoi, as part of 1995 contract, estimated at \$450 million. • **New boat:** Republic of China Navy launches second of 500-ton indigenously built Chin-chiang-class coastal patrol vessels, the Hsing-chiang. Ship was built as part of Taiwan's Kuang Hua project III warship building program by state-owned China Shipbuilding Corp.

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AFGHANISTAN

Not here, buddy: Osama bin Laden agrees not to threaten U.S. from Afghan soil. • **Taliban triumphs:** Taliban troops capture northern town of Taloqan, cutting second of Massoud's three supply routes. Taliban capture Pul-i-Khumri, Nahrin, and frontier town of Hairatan, cutting Massoud off from his Wahdat and Uzbek allies. Taliban planes pound Wahdat stronghold of Baiman. Taliban capture Khwajaghar; Massoud's troops recapture nearby town of Varsaj. Westerners begin fleeing Afghanistan in droves in late August. U.N. human rights commission calls for nations to not recognize Taliban until it stops oppressing women.

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PHILIPPINES

President Estrada says he will rely on U.S. for defense during country's economic recession. Estrada's 1998 budget includes \$700 million for military. Army denies rumors of *coup* plot. Estrada approves April human rights agreement with rebels; rebels claim this requires release of rebel sympathizers, abolition of laws the rebels find oppressive, and compensation for people tortured by Marcos. Estrada calls for peace talks to move to the Philippines from the Netherlands to save travel money.

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NIGERIA

Army debate: Leaders from southern Yoruba group call for Army to be divided into three regional commands, each with troops and officers drawn from their respective regions. Army leaders call this unrealistic, and say it will lead to civil war between the three corps.

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ANGOLA

Clashes continue: Armed clashes continue between government and UNITA forces. U.N. pulls aid workers out of remote areas. Government launches offensive into Malanje Province. Luanda demands UNITA disarm its troops and join democratic process, but UNITA fails to meet late August deadline. UNITA announces it will no longer cooperate with three observer nations — Portugal, U.S. and Russia.

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ALGERIA

Joining club nuke: Spanish newspaper says Algeria could produce weapons-grade plutonium within two years. • Bomb and other attacks by Islamic militants kills 50. Several bombs set off at beaches where people were on holiday, the first of such attacks. Eulmi Hamou, commander of GIA terrorists in eastern sector, falls in battle with police.

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GERMANY

Glad to be in sick: Germany has decided former East German secret police chief Erich Merke is too ill to stand trial for ordering people escaping over Berlin Wall to be shot.

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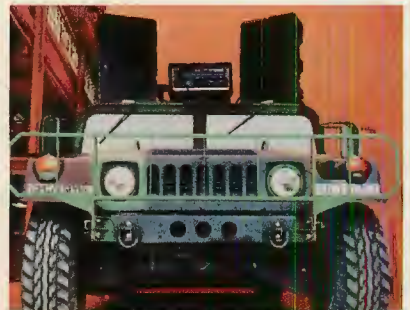
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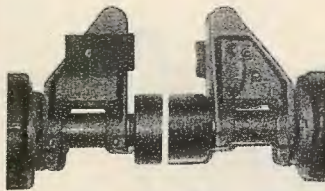
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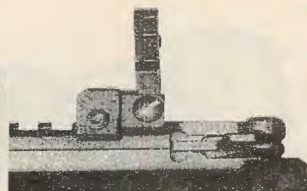


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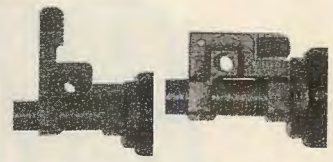
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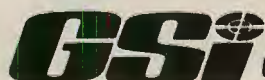


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BIZE, ALBANIA — It's been often said that the United States doesn't need a Marine Corps — but it wants one. It's also been often repeated that what the Marine Corps brings to bear is not unique. The Army, they say, has infantry and tanks. The Navy has ships. The Air Force has planes. But it's the U.S. Marine Corps that brings all of those elements together. It's the package, they explain, which is unique. Since 1775, whenever trouble has brewed, it's been the Marines who have been called in first.

Earlier this summer when Serb security forces began their massive counter-offensive against the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA), an operation that resulted in the massacre of hundreds of ethnic Albanian civilians and the displacement of tens of thousands of others, NATO commanders began drawing up plans to deploy airpower and troops to the Balkans.

While politicians from Washington to Brussels, and from Naples to Moscow wrestled with the implications of any NATO-led action against the rump Yugoslavia, Allied Forces Southern Europe (AFSOUTH) commanders were tasked with putting together as quickly as possible a show of force — a display of NATO resolve that would, if anything, remind Belgrade that if push came to shove that NATO would act ... and act decisively.

Under the umbrella of a NATO-planned Partnership for Peace (PfP) exercise code named "Cooperative Assembly '98," AFSOUTH pulled together resources from nine NATO armies, as well as forces from France, host-nation Albania, Lithuania and Russia, and organized their deployment to a training area



Fighters All

SOF Deploys With USMC In Albanian War Zone

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just west of the Kosovo-Albania border.

AFSOUTH also called in the 22 Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU).

But days before the kickoff of Cooperative Assembly '98, Islamic terrorists directed by Saudi millionaire Osama bin Laden bombed the American embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya.

American embassies worldwide immediately went on a state of heightened alert. In Tirana, Albania, however, things got a bit more com-



Albanian troops received several blocks of instruction courtesy of the USMC. Although Cooperative Assembly '98 was stamped a success by AFSOUTH and NATO, it did little to convince anyone of the precarious situation any NATO action against the former Yugoslavia would present.

plicated when the CIA, in conjunction with Egyptian and Albanian security forces, arrested and extradited to Cairo terrorists linked to bin Laden and to the assassination of former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

Not taking any chances, the state department ordered the evacuation of all non-essential U.S. embassy personnel from Albania and asked the Pentagon for the 22 MEU to beef up security around the Embassy and its housing area. It also got the Pentagon to get the 22 MEU to deploy critical elements off the coast of West Africa in case the U.S. embassy in Kinshasa, The Democratic Republic of Congo, had to be evacuated.

"I honestly didn't know if we were going to make it here," a surprised but happy USMC Captain Jim Christmas, told *SOF* just after his CH-53E touched down in Bize. "We were being tasked with so many missions that it was becoming doubtful if we could spare any men for this PFP."

Christmas' Mixed Bag Of Gifts

Captain Christmas oversaw an initial deployment to Bize of a single mixed platoon of Marines, including Navy medical corpsmen, administrators, communications and language specialists, and later a single rifle company that was given the green light to rotate a platoon at a time to the PFP from ships stationed in the Adriatic.

"Every Marine, and I mean every



(left and above) MEU deployed as part of a multi-national force under the umbrella of a NATO-planned Partnership for Peace (Pfp) exercise code named "Cooperative Assembly '98." Here U.S. Marines train with their Greek counterparts carrying FN/FALs . (below) An opportunity to cross train with Russian, German and British paras, as well as Italian and Greek marines, is something no U.S. Marine would pass up.





Marine, whether they are flying a Harrier or pushing a pencil, can fight," said Christmas, the son of a Marine Corps general, who's valor during the siege of Hue brought him much recognition. "That's why the deployment of this first mixed platoon of Marines shouldn't send the wrong message."

Indeed, the first Marines to arrive in Bize came in so hard and fast that for the first two nights on the ground they slept without tents or cots; just sleeping bags, poncho liners, healthy doses of marbled-hail, ice-cold rain and the stars. While paratroopers from the German army's 261/5 *Luftlander Brigaden*, together with a squad of Russian paras, ate hot foot served on picnic tables, the men of the 22 MEU, along with *SOF*, consumed standard MREs.

"Yes, recent events have stretched us quite thin," Christmas explained to *SOF* in response our question why the number of Marines tasked for this PFP dropped from company- to platoon-size, "but that's what a MEU is all about."

When told by a reporter from *Stars & Stripes* that the 22 MEU was at that moment deployed over an area nearly the size of the continental United States, Christmas was asked if he knew of any other U.S. fighting force which could do the same.

The answer came back loud and clear: "No," the 31-year-old captain replied.

With a strength of about 2,200 personnel, a MEU is normally built around a reinforced battalion, a composite aircraft squadron, and a MEU service support group.

Commanded by a colonel, the MEU is employed to fulfill routine forward deploy-

ments with fleets in the Mediterranean, the Western Pacific, and periodically, the Atlantic and Indian Oceans. The MEU is deployed on up to four Naval amphibious ships.

The ground combat element (GCE) is the battalion landing team (BLT), an infantry battalion reinforced with artillery, amphibious assault vehicles, light-armored reconnaissance assets and other units as the mission and circumstances require.

The aviation combat element (ACE) is a Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron augmented with four types of helicopters into a composite squadron. These units include CH-53E "Super Stallions," CH-46E "Sea Knights," UH-1N "Hueys," and AH-1W "Super Cobras." A MEU may also include fixed-wing aircraft such as the AV-8B "Harrier" jet.

The MEU is unique in that its air and ground combat elements are combined with combat service support under one commander.

According to the USMC, "This air/ground task force concept is designed to thoroughly exploit the combat power inherent in air and ground assets by closely integrating them into a single force." The MEU brings all the supplies it needs to sustain itself for quick mission accomplishment or to pave the way for any follow-on forces.

The 22d MEU's early history goes basically like this: "During the 1960s and 1970s, the current 22d MEU was activated at various times as the Marine Amphibious Unit to participate in exercises and operations in the Caribbean and Mediterranean Seas, and the North Atlantic. On 15 December 1982, it was redesignated the 22d

Although Moscow was adamant about its refusal to sign on to any NATO use of force against Yugoslavia, the Kremlin did agree to send a token squad of army airborne troops from a company already deployed to the Balkans as part of NATO's Stabilization Force (SFOR) in Bosnia. Russian paras inspect the American M16A2 and U.S. Marine inspects AKS-74.

MEU. The 22d MEU and its two sister units, the 24 and 26 MEUs, operate on a rotational basis as the Landing Force, U.S. Sixth Fleet, usually in the Mediterranean Sea." Since then, the 22d MEU has seen action in Grenada, Lebanon, off the coast of Yugoslavia and in Africa.

"The future of warfare," Christmas said, quoting USMC General Chuck Krulac, "is not the son of Desert Storm, but the stepson of Somalia.

"That means rapid reaction to brush fire wars, and not massive six-month-long deployments to tackle an entrenched enemy. The MEU embodies exactly the type of fighting force America needs in the next century," Christmas continued. "We are rapid deployment. Just look at our present situation.

"We have elements providing security at the Embassy in Tirana, we have elements ready to evacuate Embassy personnel in Congo and we are taking part in a NATO PFP," Christmas said. "The Army must base themselves on land and are logistically hamstrung. The MEU is self-contained. Case in point was SETAF's (Southern European Task Force/headquartered in

Vicenza, Italy) 1997 mission to possibly evacuate our embassy in Kinshasa. They based themselves in Brazzaville, Congo, across the river from Kinshasa, and their visible presence sent a mixed message that the situation wasn't safe enough for our embassy staff and that maybe the U.S. had lost faith in the government. The MEU can sit off the coast, as we are now doing, be sight unseen but be effective when needed."

While choppering into Albania to protect a threatened embassy and deploying off the coast of Africa for a possible evacuation certainly provided the 22d MEU with the kind of "real world" experience no exercise can match, an opportunity, any opportunity, to cross train with Russian, German and British paras, as well as Italian and Greek marines, is something no U.S. Marine would pass up.

"On board ship we normally spend our days doing PT on deck, cleaning our weapons, attending lots of classes, etc.," USMC Staff Sergeant Donald Myers told *SOF*, while his squad of Marines compared their M16A2s with the newly issued AKS-74 assault rifles used by a squad of Russian army paras also preparing for a patrolling exercise.

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"I'm looking forward to having a chance to cross-train with the Russians," said Corporal Felipe Cruz, a Sacramento, Calif., native. "The 22d MEU was involved in a 'Sea Breeze' exercise last year in Ukraine and that was great."

Sergeant Anthony Clark said the whole idea of cross training with different NATO armies was to show them some of the skills the Marines have perfected, as well as pick up on various tactics that might integrate well into Marine doctrine.

"The bottom line," Staff Sergeant Myers said with a smile, "is any time a Marine gets a chance to get off ship he is pumped up and excited. Let's move out."

Myer's 11-man squad was then joined by two Greek marines, who came along to show the USMC a little bit of Hellenic orientation skills.

The Bize training area, a 20-minute chopper ride west of the Albanian capital, Tirana, seems truly suited for any training any possible NATO deployment across the border into Kosovo. Dozens of concrete bunkers, built by the hundreds of thousands under the regime of Envir Hoxa, litter the bowl-shaped exercise zone. A nearby village would be typical of any that NATO forces would encounter.

"I want you men to stagger more," Staff Sgt. Myers yelled to a clump of Marines walking a ridge line just below us. "If there was any offensive action against this squad, you men would have been wiped out. Give yourselves some space."

The squad's mission this afternoon was to follow a pre-determined path

across a wide variety of terrain, make radio contact when they reached each checkpoint and then make it back to base. What none of the Marines were aware of, however, was that at intermittent spots along the march "unknown enemy elements" would engage them in a firefight and force them to counterattack.



Not to be left out, undisclosed U.S. SpecOps provided additional security at the NATO FTX — here with a flat-top M4 carbine, Trijicon ACOG sight and Knight Armament integrated rail system. (below) An essential part of every Marines kit: weapon, boots and *SOF*.



"This is the way we keep Marines on their toes," Myers explained. "Never let them get lazy."

"This is Alpha calling Spiderman, do you read?" Lance Corporal Duke Duplessis called into his radio as the squad neared a series of bunkers not marked on their map. "I've got a number of unknown landmarks, and need confirmation. Over."

Just then Staff Sgt. Myers blew his whistle and announced the squad was under attack from the bunkers.

Marines moved quickly, breaking off into three man groups and taking up forward and flanking positions with few errors.

"That's it," Myers yelled. "You men take up flanking positions. How else are you going to take those bunkers?"

While the Marines were certainly the stars of this PfP exercise, it was the relationship between the German paras and their Russian airborne guests that really made deep impressions on the many students of history on hand.

"We have been working together on various levels with the Russian military for many years now," German army 261/5 *Kommander* Hauptman Janel told *SOF*. "For historical reasons it is important that Germany work doubly hard to make the Russians comfortable with us as a people, a nation and learn to respect the peaceful nature of our military. That's why we undertook the responsibility of transporting and billeting the Russian contingent to this exercise."

"Crossing" The Russians

There were few at Bize who didn't stop and watch when both militaries cross-trained each other's troops in the basics of their weaponry. The Germans showing off the newly issued H&K G-36, and the Russians showing the German paras how to precision fire the AKS-74.

Although Cooperative Assembly '98 was stamped a success by AFSOUTH and NATO, it did little to convince anyone of the precarious situation any NATO action against the former Yugoslavia would present.

If NATO goes ahead and bombs Yugoslav forces, the conventional wisdom holds, it would embolden the KLA and do little to encourage a peaceful settlement through negotiation.

If NATO deploys ground troops along the Albanian-Kosovo border, the immediate beneficiary would most certainly be Belgrade because it would deny the KLA their use of Albania as a staging and training ground, as well as a source of weaponry.

If NATO does nothing, then the organization and its member states are called benign and might be held as bystanders to any future civilian massacres like those which characterized the conflict in Bosnia.

Either way, NATO finds itself in a bind.

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It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat.

—T. R. Roosevelt

The Director General of the Colombian National Police returned from his daily 0500 morning Mass to be greeted by the morning's latest casualty report. It was another bad night: nine policemen killed, 13 wounded and two missing, a police barracks destroyed. General Rosso Jose Serrano faces this, and much more, every morning. Thus far in the decade of the '90s, more than 4,000 of his policemen have been killed. When cops in the United States hear this, they shudder.

This tough, but deeply religious man is up against an almost impossible situation. Serrano is no stranger to these circumstances. He's faced worse: He remembers all too well the Pablo Escobar days. However, that was when U.S. support was being delivered and President Bush had declared a serious "war on drugs." That was when a real commitment had been made and assets were dedicated to our allies.

The narco-guerrilla war that is now raging in Colombia is getting worse each day. The govern-

ment of Colombia controls, at best, only 50% of the country. This is a conflict that comes to the United States every day in the form of drugs on our streets, in our schools and in our neighborhoods. "No person with two grains of sense, can doubt that this narco-guerrilla conflict in Colombia has a direct relationship to the national security of the United States of America. It ends up on our doorstep in the form of drugs," says Congressman Ben Gilman (R-NY), Chairman of the House International Relations Committee. "In the war on drugs, no one has been a better ally to the United States than General Rosso Jose Serrano, we cannot abandon him!" continues Gilman. The same sentiment is shared by the Commander, U.S. Southern Command (CinCSouth), General Charles Wilhelm, USMC, who oversees our national security interests in Latin America.

Throughout this long and convoluted struggle, there have been many key players in the international war on drugs. None have had a more profound effect on this violent situation in Colombia and the result-

THE MAN IN THE ARENA

General Rosso Jose Serrano:

Colombia's Last Chance?

by Carson A. Nightwine, Jr.
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Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano, director general of the Colombian National Police: *The Man In The Arena.*

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ing damage and the victories for the U.S. than has Gen. Serrano. This quiet, unassuming man has the reputation as a lawyer with an iron will and nerves of steel. He's had at least eight assassination attempts on him in the past four years by the drug cartels, the narco-guerrillas or the paramilitaries. Plain and simple, he's a marked man. Because of the security situation in Colombia, his family is forced to live outside of his native country. He won't let his family become targets as a result of his dedication.

The administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Thomas Constantine, calls him "the foremost hero in the war on drugs." "Hey, it's no secret he's our man in Bogota," says former FBI Agent John P. Mackey, Investigative Counsel at the House International Relations Committee. "It's just so frustrating because our government has promised to support him, and has failed miserably. It doesn't pay to be an ally of the gringos in the drug war!" Mackey, who is known as a "cop's cop" and handles terrorism, international narcotics and criminal justice matters for congress, has led numerous fact-finding missions to Colombia.

The Arena

Colombia is a country the size of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, and it is just crawling with narco-guerrillas, common criminals, paramilitaries and terrorists. The security forces of Colombia face a missions that few can fully appreciate, as they seem to fight on a 360-degree perimeter. Serrano's policemen are out-gunned by terrorists. The situation is one that has not been recognized by the Clinton administration: In fact, there is strong evidence that it has been ignored the obvious turmoil as a political "tar baby" by the state department. "It's obvious that they don't want another El Salvador on Madeleine Albright's watch. Her public relations people won't stand for that, and they call the shots at Foggy Bottom," reports a career state department official very familiar with the Colombia dilemma. "Her press clippings on Bosnia, the Middle East and Europe are more important than our cooperation with trusted allies like Gen. Serrano, it's all spin!" he continued.

The three largest guerrilla groups in Colombia are the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), the National Liberation Army (ELN) and the Army for Popular Liberation (EPL). Combined, they number well over 25,000 armed fighters and they range throughout every geographic location in this troubled country. From Colombia's coastal shores to the Andes mountain ranges to the sweeping plains of the east, to the southeastern Amazon basin, close to Brazil, to the large cities; the violence is always there. This past August a nation-wide guerrilla offensive claimed more than 300 policemen and soldiers. The strength of this offensive and the capabilities of the insurgents stunned the government. "U.S. and Colombian intelligence were asleep at the switch," contends a DEA agent who recently returned to Washington, D.C. from Bogota.

General Serrano must combat the expanding violence, amid growing political pressures, reactionary outlaw paramilitaries and the shaky new presidency of Andres Pastrana. The reported peace negotiations with the FARC and ELN are not viewed with great

optimism by anyone familiar with the current situation. "This is not a strong prescription for success," offers Congressman Gilman, who recently returned from Colombia.

The Mission

The mission that Gen. Serrano faces every day is an awesome one indeed. He must enforce the rule of law and protect the Colombian people. Colombia is facing the greatest challenge of its more than 200-year-old democracy. To face down and destroy the world's largest criminal mafias, was just the beginning for this soft-spoken and modest man. His security forces have faced the life and death challenges of a war within their own country. Since Serrano took charge in 1994, the price for maintaining the peace has been a very high one indeed.

His losses of key personnel and some of his most experienced and best-trained anti narcotics agents have been severe. "How long the Colombian security forces can pay this high price is a question that only Gen. Serrano is capable of answering," states Mackey.

General Serrano's mission is one that the Clinton administration, and Madeleine Albright's state department, have helped outline for him. However, that direction was given with the promise of assistance and cooperation. "Thus far, Gen. Serrano has delivered, the Clinton administration and the Albright state department ... hasn't," contends a frustrated state department official who requested he/she not be named.

Looking Back In Perspective

2 December 1998 marks the fifth anniversary of drug lord Pablo Escobar's death at the hands of the Colombian National Police. Those five years have proven to the world that Colombia's "top cop,"

Rosso Jose Serrano, is the world's number-one drug fighter. It has been a terribly hard-earned title.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police will honor Gen. Serrano in October at their international convention, as the "Lawman of the Decade." General Serrano refused to accept the award as a personal honor — he would only receive it in the name of the thousand and thousands of his policemen who has died trying to preserve the peace in Colombia.

Five years ago, Escobar was the world's most wanted man. The man hunt for him was truly one for the books. Thousands and thousands of lawmen and military personnel were involved. Ultimately, Escobar was brought to final justice by Brig. Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano, who commanded the nearly 3,000 members of the elite U.S.-trained anti narcotics police.

With Escobar dead, and now Gen. Serrano commanding the entire 120,000-strong National Police Force, things have changed very much. Today, he's in the middle of a growing conflict that makes the reign of terror by Pablo Escobar pale by comparison: He is now fighting a war against FARC, ELN and EPL narco-guerrillas. His current director of the anti-narcotics police (the tightly knit and highly disciplined *DANTI* unit), Colonel Leonardo Gallego, has suffered almost 20% casualties in the past two years, and has lost 10 of their once 55-strong helicopter fleet to narco-guerrilla ground fire. "Without more and better helicopters, we can't do our



Drug kingpin Pablo Escobar meets final justice at the hands of Brig. Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano's anti-narcotics police on 2 December 1993 — a successful end to the most unique manhunt in modern history.

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job," contends Gallego. The future without U.S. assistance is looking very bleak — bleak to everyone but Gen. Serrano.

"This Gen. Serrano is a unique character, he does not recognize failure as an option," says Col. Bill Corson, USMC (Ret.), a well-known authority on guerrilla warfare and low-intensity conflict. Corson goes on to describe Gen. Serrano's situation as "one of the great stories of true patriotism, not only to Colombia but to the United States as well ... remember he's fighting *our* war for us, with very limited support. When you look at this situation objectively, this particular predicament is an embarrassment to a country such as the United States, that talks a goods game, but fails where it counts. Where it counts, of course, is with Serrano's policemen on the front lines ... they are the ones doing the fighting and dying to enforce the rule of law."

General Serrano was able to destroy the Medellin Mafia, in what was for the National Police, a terribly bloody and costly endeavor. The Medellin Mafia had sought to bring the government to it's knees by terror and violence, and they almost succeeded. The death and destruction was horrible during the Pablo Escobar period.

Serrano was later able to dismember the Cali Mafia, who employed a strategy of using "lawyers against the law." Simply put, the Cali cartel operated very similar to U.S. Mafia groups. Instead of outright violence, they preferred using trial lawyers to undermine Colombian justice by endless litigation, bribes and death threats ... violence followed. Nonetheless, through his relentless dedication and single-minded purpose, Gen. Serrano's National Police dismantled the Cali Cartel, as well. He was recently testifying before the U.S. Congress in April of this year that, "These drug lords are either dead or in jail today ..."



Gen. Serrano and Col. Gallego in the field, examining an aircraft shot down by narco-guerrillas.

courtesy author



"Drug Czar" Gen. Barry McCaffrey, who saw the bloody Colombian conflict up close and personal. McCaffrey is now pressing the Pentagon and state department for more assistance to General Serrano's security forces.

No small feat indeed.

"He lost too many good men in this effort to give up now ... thousands upon thousands have died ... and it will probably get worse before it gets better," contends Congressman Bob Barr (R-Ga.), "who has visited the front lines in Colombia and has championed Serrano's efforts."

In the Line of Fire

American Drug Czar, Gen. Barry McCaffrey, after a brief trip to Colombia in October of 1997, succinctly described Serrano's men as heroes. He promised that he would help. "I am returning to the United States convinced that both our countries can do more to cooperate against the production, sale and consumption of illegal drugs." The growing violence facing the Colombian National Police and the military has

overshadowed the State Department's business-as-usual approach. Gen. McCaffrey has promised more assistance to the beleaguered Colombian security forces. He realizes all too well the position that Gen. Serrano finds himself in, and he has promised his help. But this promise from one general to another, is being blocked by the state department.

As usual, the state department, under the questionable leadership of Ms. Albright, is in no hurry to admit its mistakes and change course, even if not to do so will cost innocent lives. The recent statements by Ms. Albright trying to justify the cruise missile attack on the "terrorist" pharmacy building in Sudan proves that. "This administration does a great job with 'spin' but they fail with substance," stated Col. Corson.

PICKING UP ALLIES

Along with the U.S. military, FBI and DEA leadership, congressmen such as Representatives Ben Gilman (R-N.Y.), Charles Tangel (D-N.Y.), Bob Barr (R-Ga.), John Mica (R-Fla.), Bill McCollum (R-Fla.), Dan Burton (R-Ind.), Porter Goss (R-Fla.), Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.), Tom Manton (D-N.Y.), Peter King (R-N.Y.), Bob Mendez (D-N.J.), Dana Rohrabacker (R-Calif.), Rod Blagojevich (D-Ill.), Mark Souder (R-Ind.), Asa Hutchinson (R-Ark.), Gene Taylor (D-Miss.), Roy Blount (R-Mo.) and Cass Ballenger (R-N.C.) have visited Colombia and seen first hand what General Serrano faces. They have formed a bi-partisan effort and have taken strong legislative action to steer assistance to Serrano's brave drug fighters. This is to counter bureaucratic slow-rolling by the Albright state department and a Clinton administration that talks about a campaign against drugs but is woefully short on action. "The drug fighters on the front lines have been hung out to dry," says Major Messing, and he ought to know. Messing has made many a trip to the front lines and enjoys a superb reputation with the national police and the Colombian army for the dangers he has faced with them.

— G.M.



NDCF

(above) General Serrano (right of center, in uniform) buries more of his brave men after the August narco-guerrilla offensive. (right) Colombian National Police casualties from last August. Once wounded and out of ammunition, they were doused with gasoline and burned alive. Noted NDCF, "no human rights complaints were filed against these terrorists."



Colombian National Police

During McCaffrey's visit he traveled to remote operating bases of the Colombian Security Forces to see the conflict first-hand. And that he did ... almost too close. One of the security elements doing the advance work for his visit was ambushed and two DANTI agents were killed by FARC terrorists. These Colombian National Police officers were some of Gen. Serrano's very best. "The good general is running out of men ... I've been down this road before," observes Corson.

General McCaffrey has been in enough gun fights to know that it could have been him in that ambush. Upon his return to Washington, D.C. he demanded more assistance for the Colombian drug fighters. Reportedly, his pleas fell on deaf ears at the U.S. State Department. "They won't let President Clinton be drawn into another El Salvador situation ... he's just got too many problems now and the Albright state department has a questionable list of efforts in the past six years — just look back at Somalia, Haiti, North Korea and the quagmire in Bosnia," continues Corson.

Check and See

While armchair pundits in the state department and other branches of our government kept denying the obvious — that the guerrillas had been subverted and were now in the drug trade — Serrano's National Police had "kept their eyes on the ball" and had focused on the guerrilla's drug trade: This is where they get their vast sums of money. This was done while most U.S. support had been shut off, after President Clinton decertified Colombia in 1996 because of political corruption and President Ernesto Samper's alleged campaign fund-raising with the drug lords. The state department did this intentionally and the U.S. Ambassador Myles Frechette was the official in charge in Bogota.

Although the DANTI was considered honest and totally reliable, support was withheld and Serrano's casualties continued to mount during this bloody period. The tragedy of this situation was that Serrano was losing some of his very best men. Regardless of this, Serrano refused to give up: He actually increased interdiction operations against the narco-guerrillas. This was accomplished at a very heavy price. Without the needed helicopters for medevac, many a wounded Colombian national policeman and soldier never made it out of a landing zone alive, during interdiction operations.

As U.S. support was held up, allegedly because of President Samper's 1994 campaign fundraising with drug money, casualties mounted. "The drug fighters doing the fighting and dying were the ones being punished, not President Samper!" emphasizes Col. Corson. With the Clinton administration withholding assistance because of drug money in President



Authors' files

Maj. Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano presents the Distinguished Service Medal of Colombia to Maj. Gilbert A. Macklin, USMC. Looking on is George Crile, producer of CBS' 60 Minutes.



Authors' Photo

(above) Former U.S. Ambassador to Colombia Myles Frechette (right) will have to take responsibility for his denial of the narco-guerrilla situation and later, the delay of already-promised U.S. assistance to Gen. Serrano's forces. (below) Gen. Serrano presents Maj. Messing of the NDCF with a special award for his assistance to the DANTI in the war on drugs.



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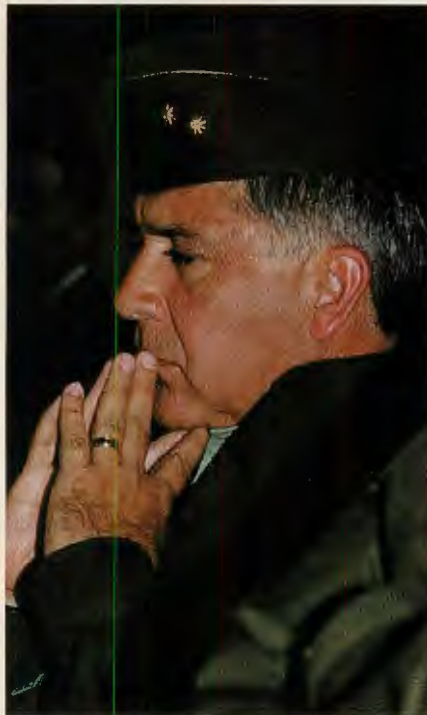
(above) Colombian National Policeman killed during a security operation near Bogota. (right) Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano contemplates an uncertain future. (below) Congressman Ben Gilman, chairman of the House International Relations Committee, visited the front lines of the war on drugs. Rep. Gilman insisted on meeting as many DANTI agents as possible.

Samper's 1994 campaign, the good Colombians could only shake their heads in disbelief. Ironically, today President Clinton finds himself under strong scrutiny over his own presidential campaign fundraising practices by Congressman Dan Burton's (R-Ind.) campaign finance investigation.

Ironically, Burton has been a workhorse in getting helicopters down to Serrano's cops. All the while, during Samper's tenure, Serrano's dedicated drug fighters were paying a very heavy price — in casualties and death.

America's Promises Not Kept

In 1994, the former U.S. Ambassador to Columbia, Myles Frechette, openly denied the possibility of "significant guerrilla involvement in the drug trade" for three years. After congressional hearings in July 1997, he changed his tune and grudgingly admitted the obvious. "History may record that Ambassador Frechette will bear the brunt of this miscalculation and possible cover-up, but the Colombians are paying for it today, in flesh and blood," states Corson. An extensive Government Accounting Office (GAO) investigation revealed a large number of management problems and inefficiency in supporting Gen. Serrano's anti-narcotics efforts. "It was a direct result of gross mismanagement, ineptitude and professional incompetence on the part of personnel manning the Narcotics Affairs Section of the U.S. embassy, in Bogota," contends Col. Corson. "In the years to come, Frechette's 'not-on-my-watch' strate-



courtesy author

gy, will haunt Clinton's foreign policy." A resulting GAO investigation pointed out who was responsible for this mess.

Echoing that very same theme, is retired Special Forces Major Andy Messing, who characterized the Ambassador's tenure in Bogota as "Frechette's Follies." "Look, those guys down at the U.S. embassy in Bogota, who were charged with supporting our best ally in the war on drugs ... failed miserably. They gave *Amateur Hour* a bad name. Now, let's see who's accountable!" continues Messing. "There's a war going on, good people are dying every day. However, it's a battle between bureaucrats in the state department, and law-enforcement officials who are faced with an impossible task," adds Corson.

Regional Security Concerns

Major Messing, Executive Director of the Washington, D.C.-based National Defense Council Foundation (NDCF), envisions that Colombia's struggle will dwarf the bloody 10-year insurgency in El Salvador, especially after U.S. troops pull out of Panama. He should know, as he made 56 trips into war-torn El Salvador from 1982-1991. His foundation has an ongoing study of Colombia's narco-guerrilla war with more than 20 trips into the combat zones since 1985. Furthermore, his analysis of the ongoing Panama dilemma is equally negative and is closely interrelated with Colombia's narco-guerrilla conflict.

"The narco-guerrilla conflict is spilling over into Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil and especially Venezuela. The problem with the Panamanian border was accentuated by large scale FARC operations in August against the Colombian Army. In the northern Colombian province of Uraba more than 100 people were killed in just a month. It's gotten so bad in the east, that the Venezuelan government has stationed nearly 15,000 additional troops on its frontier with Colombia in the last year." That pretty

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Colombian National Police



StarLight

"It was a dark and stormy night" (at last, 40 years behind a typewriter and we finally get to use this line!): It was raining, it was dark, and the campfire we had just lit barely provided enough light to chase the siblings around the clearing trying to whup knots on 'em for fighting over — and breaking — the flashlight. Only the Old Man's dander was up: the tent was still a slippery heap of wet and tangled Gore-Tex shimmering in the firelight.

Considering the Lautenberg Amendment, it was fortunate that a couple weeks earlier Kevin Gross of Applied Innovative Technologies had dropped by *SOF's* editorial offices with a StarLight — a new, virtually unbreakable flashlight that never needs batteries. It never needs batteries like a politician never needs the truth: It doesn't use 'em.

The innards of this new instrument conceal a reciprocating magneto, which given approximately 360 onanistic shakes will fully charge a capacitor, which in turn provides power to a very efficient bright-light LED. Shaking it for 15 seconds every 2-3 minutes keeps it fully charged. It can lie in a car trunk or go-pack for years and be ready to shake and use instantly. There are no batteries to die, corrode, or malfunction in extreme cold. There is no fragile filament bulb to break.

The light was less than from a conventional D-cell, but more than adequate to set up the tent and find the last whimpering sibling trembling in the bushes, to let him know all was forgiven, the tent was up and the steaks were broiling. The switch glows in the dark, for easy location. As the magneto contains strong magnets, this is not an instrument you lay on your laptop computer or carry in your shirt if you have a pacemaker. But it is a tool for all seasons wherein you need fail-safe illumination and certitude outweighs convenience.

Having no batteries, it is very light-weight (16 oz. ready to fire). The subtle noise of the magnet return springs might be objectionable in certain tactical situations, but you make your presence known anyway when you turn on a light. The light proved strong enough for foot navigation to about 30 feet on a dark and rainy night, and much farther than that for signaling. It was truly impressive in total darkness — but its salient feature is that it makes you forever independent of battery-and-bulb logistics. Black or bright yellow. Good to 100 ft. underwater. Lifetime warranty. Recommended.

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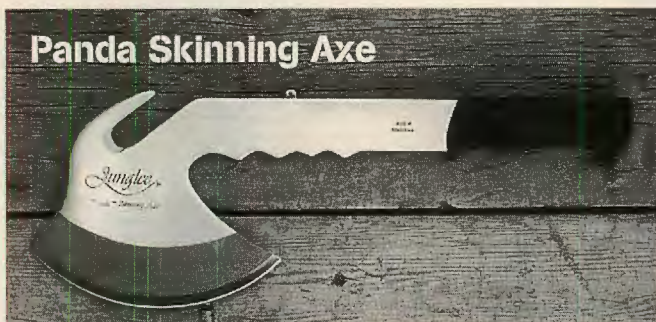
Panda Skinning Axe

One of my favorite hunting mentors as a kid never carried a Bowie-style sheath knife. He had an old two-blade Barlow that had seen so much sharpening both blades looked like boning knives, and an ancient rehandled half-hatchet he had re-ground to have a deep-bellied, double-beveled cutting edge. He kept them both sharp with a round pocket stone such as loggers carry for their axes.

A normal half-hatchet is ground as is a half-axe, with one cheek

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flat for smoothing timbers, etc., but the profile of the head gives a much more generous face (like an exaggerated Hudson Bay axe) so when he reground it, it had better than 6 inches of curved cutting surface. He'd grab the shank up close to the head and skin out a deer-size animal, then lop off the head and feet and quarter it faster than any butcher I ever saw. He could even file the backstrap with it, as although it had an obtuse edge for chopping, he kept it very sharp.

It was an excellent rig for its intended purpose, but I never saw one like it on the market, until now, and the one Gutman Cutlery is offering as part of their Jungle line is custom-made for heavy skinning, and it is better in every respect than old Henry Kester's home-made rig.

Gutman's Panda skinning axe is made from AUS-8 stainless and features a sweeping Ulu-style blade, a broad gutting hook and a finger-contoured shaft to facilitate holding it close to the head for precise work. It has full-tang construction with a comfortable checkered Kraton handle for a secure grip when chopping in the mud, blood and slime. The heel of the blade sweeps to the rear in sort of a rounded Hudson Bay pattern, giving a cutting radius of nearly 7 inches. It is 15 inches overall, and comes with a good quality leather belt sheath.

Although purpose-built for skinning, the Panda has the reach, grind and heft to be a very good all-around field chopper, yet at a lean 23 ounces: Worthy gear for any foray into the bush.

Available from Gutman Cutlery, Dept. SOF, Box 2219, Bellingham, WA 98227; phone: 360-650-9141; fax: 360-676-1075.

Springfield's Survival Weapon

Some wise man that no doubt had been there and done that, said that the perfect survival weapon is the one you have with you. That is what is so perfect about Springfield Armory's new model M6 Scout, it is engineered to be easy to have with you. The M6 can go almost everywhere with you. Since it stores easily in a backpack, duffel bag or suitcase it is easy to carry to places or in areas where a full-length rifle or shotgun might attract unwanted attention.

The new model M6 Scout is an over and under, selective fire, single shot breach-break weapon that offers the utility of both a rifle

and shotgun with some of the advantages of a handgun. It is light-weight and portable, but still easy to shoot precisely at moderate ranges or significantly increase hit probability by bringing to bear a large concentration of small lead pellets on a fast moving target.

A compartment in the stock that almost duplicates the military issue model, holds 12 .22 Hornet cartridges and four .410 shotgun shells. If you add a 50-round box of Hornet ammo and 20 rounds of shotshells, the entire package consisting of weapon, case and 86 rounds of ammo only weighs about seven and a half pounds and occupies a space of 22x6x3 inches.

Current production models are built for Springfield (Springfield Inc., Dept. SOF, 420 West Main St., Geneseo IL 61254; phone: 309-944-5631; fax: 309-944-3676) by CZ in the Czech Republic. The M6 Scout is an improved copy of the item that has been supplied in military survival kits for a number of years. The new M6 barrel is two inches longer than the military model as prescribed under the specifications of the National Firearms Act. And all new model M6s have a stout steel trigger guard intended to prevent accidental discharge while the military model, obviously intended to facilitate shooting with mitten covered or injured hands, has no trigger guard at all.

Current production M6s are offered in four models, a .22 Long rifle over .410 or a .22 Hornet over .410 in either stainless steel or matte-black carbon steel. The factory supplied open sights are fully adjustable for windage. A peep sight is marked for use with the .22 Hornet and a shallow "V" flips up for use with the .410. A worthwhile option is a Springfield Armory built scope mount that secures by means of two large screws and a dovetail. The scope mount is a standard 7/8-inch Weaver-type.

The .22 Hornet has long been a favorite of deer poachers because it is relatively quiet, yet with the right bullet accurately placed, can be all you need. Although the cartridge is small, it launches a .224 caliber 45-grain bullet at 2800 fps in a factory loading (about 400 fps less than the .223 Remington using the same projectile).

The question is what does the Hornet do better as a survival/utility cartridge than the .22 rimfires? The rimfires are more popular than the centerfires for survival/utility use primarily to their light weight. The .22 long rifle and .22 Magnum are probably the most widely used all purpose cartridges ever invented. And the truth is that the .22 Hornet can do anything a .22 rimfire can do in any of its various loadings — and do it a hell of a lot better. With its increased velocity, the .22 Hornet can accurately increase your effective range.

The .410 bore is not ideal for goose hunting, and it probably isn't great for long distance ducks either, but it is useful for quail, dove, rabbits and the occasional surprise snake. There is plenty of variety available in .410 loadings although 3-inch shells loaded with 11/16 ounce of number 4 or 6 lead shot would probably provide best utility in the woods.

Additionally .410 loads can be purchased with 1/5-ounce slugs that leave the barrel at around 1,800 fps and deliver about twice as many foot-pounds of energy than a 230 grain hardball .45 ACP bullet.

But ballistics aside, the reason the M6 is such an attractive utility weapon is because it packs away into an easily stowable package. Someone at Springfield Armory knew what they were doing when they wrote the specs for the takedown "holster" for the M6. The nonsense black nylon case has multiple lash-down points for attaching to packs or slings. The exterior is heavy cordura nylon with equally heavy stitching all around. The zippers and other hardware are YKK. The case interior is well padded and the lining is a type of hard-



Springfield's M6 Survival Weapon

woven flannel impregnated with anti-rust chemicals. On the outside is a Velcro-type closed expandable pocket large enough to hold a 50-round box of .22 Hornet or 20 3-inch .410 shells.

The weapon can be carried broken down or assembled and ready to use. One can break the M6 into two parts which fit nicely in two side pockets, and zip it up to stuff inside a back pack or suitcase; or you can choose to leave the weapon assembled and use the middle compartment of the case as a very workable scabbard which protects the entire business end and mechanical works of the M6.

In wild places populated by large carnivores or cranky herbivores, hunters most likely will be packing a large-caliber main gun. It is precisely in places like this that an M-6 is most useful: a high-velocity .30-caliber hunting rifle is a very poor choice for small game or other targets of opportunity. Its ease of carry and calibers make it ideal for the unexpected rabbit, grouse or rattlesnake.

— John Hogan

GT Knives' Folding TiN Tanto

When "Tanto"- style blades came into vogue in Japan, an adversary well might be clad in leather armor. A Tanto's point geometry was developed to penetrate, yet be strong. The esthetic of Tanto blades may have been slow to catch on with Western tastes, but it offers particular advantages for rescue personnel.

Because of its strong and penetrating point, a good Tanto can cut to where the work is. Further, the relatively straight blade gives a long surface for serrations — and the more serrations the more cutting work can be accomplished in a single stroke. Add to this a titanium nitride coating with its incredible wear resistance and low coefficient of friction and you may well have designed an optimal compact folder for EMTs, cops and other rescue personnel: a strong blade that will readily pierce obstructions or the workpiece itself, and cut like a bandit on slicing strokes.

PTFE coatings reduce tool friction, but TiN coatings are better



by an order of magnitude as to how they wear — and the life extension they give a sharp edge. TiN coatings are applied to reduce wear on machine tools, and the lower friction is a bonus: On a rescuer's hand tools such as knives, however, lower friction can be a deciding factor in whether he gets the work done in the time fate has allowed.

G-T Knives has developed just such an optimal folder. It has a Tanto-style blade, is serrated nearly three-fourths of its 3-5/8" length — and the ATS-34 blade is titanium nitride-coated. Like the first model GT folder, the Tanto features precisely machined grip scales of 6061 T6 aluminum with a hard anodized finish, and a moveable pocket clip to accommodate individual needs.

For police use or in jurisdictions not befuddled by such efficient conveniences, the Tanto is available as an automatic opener. On the regular model, stainless thumb studs provide efficient one-hand opening in the likely event the other hand is busy holding a workpiece or otherwise engaged trying to stanch blood flow or immobilize fractures in an accident victim. All metal, it is easily sterilized.

Of consequence in knives designed for aggressive thrusting is

the possibility of your hand sliding forward into serious grief — a hilt not generally being practical on a folder (*West Side Story* stilettos notwithstanding). On the GT Tanto, the significant bulge that houses the rotary lock acts as a good hand block, and its slip-proof grip texture and excellent ergonomics keep your hand off the blade on spirited thrusts.

Plexiglas and aluminum are best cut with a saw, but they yielded to this blade, as did manila and synthetic line, belts and tire casings — even the thin steel of a car door.

When we reviewed GT's first folder, we thought it was as good as it gets. The new Tanto, however, is an advance, especially for rescue work. It is must-have gear if you pilot (or jump out of) planes, or rescue people from any of our mechanical contrivances that go wrong. A serious tool. Recommended. Can't wait to see what they do next.

Made by GT Knives, Dept. SOF, 7734 Arjons Drive, San Diego, CA 92126; phone 619-530-8766; fax: 619-530-0734; or check out their web site: www.gtknives.com

Alaskan Hook Cleaver

Some dressers of big game control their skinner through practiced skill, and some skinning knives have design features that make skillful manipulation easier for those of us from the less-dexterous side of the gene pool. Such is Gutman's Alaskan Hook Cleaver, part of their Jungle line of outdoor working knives.

Made in Taiwan of AUS-8 stainless, the Alaskan Skinner starts with a checkered Kraton grip on its full-tang handle, for a secure grip under a coating of mud, blood or fish slime. To enhance blade control, there is an ample forefinger hole in the rear of the blade, and on top are serrations for thumb grip and blade guidance. If you think it might get away from you, there is also an ample lanyard hole in the butt.

The hefty 5-7/8-inch blade is ground with a round bevel appropriate for such a blade that you intend to chop with, and it comes shaving-sharp. It features a broad gutting hook ample even for very thick hides such as sea lion or horse, but which comes down to a fine enough plowpoint to pick up thin skins such as cat or even rabbit: anything so thin you couldn't use this for, you'd probably want to use scissors on anyway.

As its name implies, it is intended to be a hard-use cleaver, and for this it has ample heft, reach and the right grind. The sweep of the front might have a larger radius for some tastes, but that is a matter of taste and this solid handful will give good service no matter just what is one's personal preference. As there was no large game is season when we got this in for T&E, we took it to a meat packing plant and got a foreman to indulge us as we rift hide, pulled hide and chopped sinew and joints apart to our hearts content. It comes in a good quality sewn-leather belt sheath.

I'd like to try this on a salmon as I'd bet you could split him from anus to gills and have the guts out and the steaks cut before you

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Targeting Sudan

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Why We Bombed Osama bin Laden's Shadowy World of Intrigue

by Al J. Venter

Photos: AP/Wide World



There has been speculation as to why American cruise missiles targeted Khartoum's Al Shifa Pharmaceutical factory. Washington maintains that the strike was legitimate but it offers little proof.

Under the circumstances (and the amount of media coverage given to the events) this is possibly a mistake. If Washington had been more forthcoming with the facts they might not have given the Sudanese the moral high ground achieved from an intelligence black-out.

What is irrefutable and which has yet to become an issue, is that the soil sample clandestinely removed from the factory's rose garden does present incontrovertible evidence of EMPTA or, more precisely, O-ethyl methylphosphonothioic acid. EMPTA, as Iraq has demonstrated in the past, can be a ready precursor for the manufacture of deadly VX nerve agent. Few — if any — known commercial compounds share the specific structural characteristics of EMPTA. [For example, Fyrol 6, a flame retardant, and fonofos (Dyfonate), a pesticide, have common to them a P-C bond and sulfur groups. But the P-C bond is in the form of an ethyl group, not a methyl as in the case of EMPTA.]

What has not been made clear, according to Eric Croddy of the Chemical and



Fond of cameras and of posing with weapons such as this Krinkov (above), exiled Saudi millionaire and terrorist sponsor Osama bin Laden was a CIA client during the Afghan war with the former Soviet Union, and now preaches — and practices — the killing of any American anywhere, for such affronts as U.S. support for Israel, U.S. presence in Saudi Arabia, etc. Suspected of sponsoring the 1996 attack on American barracks in Saudi Arabia, and of the vehicle bombs that destroyed the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania on 7 August, Osama bin Laden, his terrorist minions, and his extensive assets now make attractive targets.

Biological Weapons Nonproliferation Project at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and author of *Chemical and Biological Warfare: An Annotated Bibliography*, is that scientists found essentially one half of a VX molecule, and the part which is the most difficult to find or produce, containing not only a phosphorus-carbon bond, but sulfur as well.

Significantly, Iraq has used this same precursor to manufacture VX.

A fact ignored by many critics of the

attack is that the addition of more commonly found tertiary amines can, under the right conditions, form the nerve gas VX. The significance here is that EMPTA is about as close to the V-agent as it is possible to get without developing serious toxic properties. In fact, Croddy suggested that EMPTA might be slightly toxic of itself.

Gas House Gang

Four other issues also have significance:

- Reports from the Sudan more than a

year ago indicated that the Khartoum government was embarking on bringing a "chemical and bacteriological" factory into production. I reported that development in *Jane's Pointer* in March 1998. Quoting the Paris-based Arabic language *Al-Watan al'Arabi* of 31 October 1997, the magazine pinpointed the location of this facility in the Khartoum-Bahri suburb of Kubar. That factory, coincidentally, was left intact by the Americans largely because it was situated in a residential area. The Elshifa plant, in contrast, had been built in an industrial suburb on the outskirts of Khartoum.

- Second, *Jane's* disclosed months before the attack that after Operation Desert Storm, Saddam Hussein managed to shift a proportion of his biochemical assets to the Sudan. These, as yet undetermined agents, reached Khartoum overland, through Libya.

- Third, Mohammed Saddiq Odeh, one of two bomb suspects responsible for the Nairobi bomb attack, has named six associates, all of them linked to bin Laden and at least two with Sudanese connections.

- Last, the fact that the factory originally belonged to Osama bin Laden says a lot. When it was built, he had already, in 1993, been involved in an attempted assassination attempt on Prince Abdullah, son of Jordan's King Hussein. Those responsible were a Jordanian splinter group, "Mohammed's Army," that he had sponsored.

Irrespective of American diplomatic pressure (that subsequently forced this Saudi millionaire out of the Sudan in 1996) there is a lot of evidence that ties with his former Khartoum associates remain intact.

Diplomatic Cover

He continues to travel — on the few occasions that he has ventured abroad — on a Sudanese diplomatic passport.

Dr. Hassan al-Turabi, possibly the real force behind Sudanese President Lieutenant General Hasan al-Bashir, remains a close friend. So does Ghazi Salah-al-Din, formerly head of the Sudanese Defense Forces and that country's secret police. More recently — as CNN interviews have shown — Mr. Salah-al-Din wears the hat of Information Minister. Bin Laden's assets in the Sudan, which remain substantial, includes one of the largest privately owned farms south of Khartoum.

It was while he was still living in the Sudan that he committed some of his most daring acts of terror. In a hearing before the Select Committee on Intelligence of the U.S. Senate on 5 February last year, Toby T. Gati, Assistant Secretary of State for Intelligence and Research (INR), presented details of some of these activities: "He has been suspected of supporting groups and individuals involved in numerous acts of terrorism, including the 1992 bombings



Nearly simultaneous explosions on 7 August destroyed the American embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, killing more than 70 people and injuring more than 1,100 — the work of Osama bin Laden. Bank building (above, foreground) was collapsed onto remains of embassy building. U.S. Ambassador to Kenya Prudence Bushnell (right) is helped to safety by unidentified man also injured in explosion. Ambassador Bushnell had been giving a news conference at the Ufundi Cooperative Bank Building, near the embassy.





Payback can be a bitch: Sudanese soldiers stand guard over wreckage of pharmaceutical factory on the outskirts of Khartoum, targeted as suspected asset of Osama bin Laden and production point for chemical weapons in cooperation with Iran.

of two hotels in Aden, Yemen (where U.S. soldiers were billeted) as well as the 1995 Egyptian Al-Gama'at Al Islamiyya assassination attempt on Egypt's President Mubarak," said Mr. Gati.

Other acts included the bombing of the Khobar Towers near Dhahran (in which 19 Americans were killed and 500 injured), as well as an attack on the Egyptian embassy in Pakistan. He was thwarted in his efforts to blow up several American 747 passenger jets over the Pacific. The headquarters for that operation was to have been the Philippines.

Mr. Gati disclosed that the INR had played a significant role in countering other terror attacks against Americans. Its TIPOFF database, he told the Senate, "plays a critical role by ensuring that counterterrorism intelligence is readily available to those responsible for border security. Clearly, this includes airports and aircraft."

Meanwhile, Osama bin Laden's complex and tangled web continues to unravel. It's a slow process but each day provides

more evidence that Ilyich Ramirez Sanchez (Carlos) has a worthy successor.

Bin Laden — who bears an uncanny resemblance to Afghan freedom fighter, Ahmed Massoud, the man who opposed the Russians from his Hindu Kush strongholds — has an illustrious background. He is not only rich, but is purported to have obtained an engineering degree in America.

Another CIA Minion Gone Bad

The scion of a wealthy Saudi family that made its fortune building roads in Arabia, he was one of the first of the better-known foreign *mujahideen* to become involved in Afghanistan after the Soviet invasion. It was his involvement in early efforts at dislodging the Soviets from Afghanistan that first brought him to the attention of Langley, which, in turn, recruited and funded him in the effort to drive out Moscow from Central Asia.

From about the mid-80s, bin Laden worked in close association with U.S. agents, coordinating much of the muja-

hadeen intelligence and logistics effort that passed through Peshawar in Pakistan's north-west frontier. The bin Laden family has a home in the city and it was used as his headquarters whenever he crossed the frontier. Unlike most Saudis involved in the Afghan war who didn't like to dirty their hands with combat, bin Laden not only fought the Russians but, by all accounts, he fought bravely.

At about this time, say those who were there, there was a perceptible change in the man. By the time that the Soviets had been forced to withdraw, he had become bitterly disillusioned with the United States and its policies and this was demonstrated shortly before the Gulf War. A Saudi prince told Judith Miller, then head of the Cairo bureau of the *New York Times*, that in a bid to prevent American participation in the war against Iraq (and, horror of horrors, an American presence on Saudi soil), bin Laden "marched into several princes' offices with maps and flowcharts to demonstrate how the kingdom could defend itself without foreign forces."

He was expelled from Riyadh shortly afterwards. The Saudi government revoked his citizenship for his support of radical Afghan groups (of which the *Taliban* is a successor) and a variety of fundamentalist causes, including some that were dedicated to toppling the governing Saudi dynasty.

Financially, though, he was as powerful as ever, having moved his assets, (estimated by family to be about \$300 million) into a succession of European and Asian banks which included Switzerland, Pakistan and Malaysia. It was about now that he started to shuttle between London and Khartoum, culminating in the formation of his Islamic Front for Holy War Against Jews and Crusaders.



Smoke rises from battered remains of Elshifa Pharmaceutical Industries plant in Khartoum after Tomahawk attack. Factory was targeted as chemwar production site on basis of chemical tests intelligence personnel gathered from site.



Sudanese soldiers in MOPP-1/2 gear examine wreckage of pharmaceutical plant in Khartoum, targeted in retaliation of terrorist bombings of American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

Islamic critics of bin Laden — many of them anti-American themselves — maintain that in calling on the Muslims of the world to unite against “American Imperialism” he has twisted the basic precepts of Islam by citing Muslim holy law (or *sharia*) when he involves hundreds of innocents in his bomb attacks, many of whom, as we have seen in Nairobi or Khobar, are killed.

Bin Laden counters this by claiming that the *Qur’an* makes it clear that the means justify the ends. “War against America is obligatory and we must strike at Americans — soldiers, civilians, men, women and children — wherever we can find them,” he says. His rationale? “Because of United States’ crimes against Islam.” American support for Israel remains the touchstone of his sentiments.

Another “crime” listed by his organization and often quoted in his broadcasts is a U.S. military presence on Saudi soil. It was this point which originally caused the Saudis to revoke his nationality and his family to disown him.

According to mainstream Muslim jurists, cited by Peter J. Awn, professor of religion and Middle East Studies at Columbia University, there are four kinds of legitimate warfare in Islam, including wars against infidels and apostates, which are both *jihads*. All must be declared and conducted by an acknowledged Muslim ruler of a state, or, failing that, Islamic wise men. Mr. bin Laden, he points out, is not a ruler. “Nor is he a judge, a *qadi* or a Muslim legal scholar, a *mufiti*.”

Maverick Muslims

The other issue still being questioned is why Washington chose to drop a clutch of cruise missiles on the Sudanese capital of Khartoum?

The truth is that the Sudan has been rogue state for years. It has sponsored terrorism in several countries, including just about all its neighbors. Some, but not all of these details were made public fairly recently. Like Libya (with whom Khartoum maintains very close ties), Syria, Iran and others, these are pariah governments dominated by people that are committed to opposing Western (and, particularly, American) influence wherever it is encountered.

The Sudan has gone further. Khartoum’s leaders have actively sponsored terrorism in countries like Ethiopia and Uganda.

They have planned to destabilize neighboring Eritrea and, it has recently been disclosed, to assassinate its president, Isias Afwerki. They also backed insurgent groups across a broad swathe of Africa and the Middle East in countries like Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Chad, Nigeria, Yemen, Saudi Arabia and others.

More ominous, Sudan has been cited by

Sudan. Few believed them since the Iranians, as we have seen, are rarely conspicuous when it comes to subterfuge. The U.S. State Department concedes that many senior Sudanese government functionaries — including ministers, diplomats, security and military personnel — have been trained either in Iran or by Iranians in the Sudan.

The man coordinating all this, Dr. Hassan al-Turabi (whose face and comments about American atrocities we have seen and heard quite a lot on CNN lately) has a history of association, first with the Late Ayatollah Khomeini and now with his successor, the Iranian security *supremo* and “Supreme Guide” Khomeini.

In an October 1997 succession of Islamic Council meetings that were held at Turabi’s house in Khartoum’s al-Manshiyah (which he chaired and which was guarded by an elite Iranian-trained special forces unit), there were among others present, Iranians, Afghans, Tunisian dissidents, Algerians and members of Egypt’s Muslim Brotherhood fundamentalist faction. There were also representatives of the Ethiopian Uruma tribe and an “Eritrean Jihad” contingent as well as rebel Ugandans attached, ironically, to the LRA, ostensibly Christian.

Almost since the day he took power, Turabi has been trying to unseat Yowerri Museveni, the Ugandan president. The latest evidence is the arrest of two Sudanese brothers trying to smuggle arms southwards across the border to a Muslim group in Kampala.

Sitting on Turabi’s right during the meeting (which was supposed to be secret) was Ibrahim al-Sanusi who, shortly before, had taken over as secretary general of the Arab Islamic Conference (AIC). This is an organization that was founded some years ago specifically for what was termed “a gathering of fundamentalists intent on spreading the word of revolutionary Islam into the West.” It is worth noting that the AIC has become a powerful counter to moderate, pro-Western Islamic governments such as Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Morocco, Egypt and most of the countries in the Gulf.

This is a peculiar development since Turabi — while still in opposition politics — was always regarded by those who met him, as a moderate. Charming and urbane when he wants to be, he speaks four languages and spent some years, while living



(above) Sudanese chant anti-American slogans in Khartoum the day after U.S. missile attack on suspected chemwar facility. (below) Islamic activists chant anti-American slogans in Karachi, and carry portraits in support of Osama bin Laden, in wake of U.S. attack on Afghanistan training bases.



several intelligence sources as a conduit for the smuggling of nuclear materials from Europe to Iran. Details have appeared in several publications, including those put out by the prestigious Monterey Institute of International Studies.

Pariah State

It is the Iranian connection that disturbs Western intelligence organizations the most. They point to the quarter-century lease that Khartoum has given Tehran over its two naval bases on the Red Sea at Port Sudan and Suakin. And also to the radio station at the coast that broadcasts messages to much of Islamic Africa urging that their governments be overthrown by force. That, too, is staffed by Iranians.

For years Cairo has made an issue of the fact that there are thousands of Iranian *Pasdarans* (Revolutionary Guards) in the

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ANGOLA War

Same War ... Same Players ... Different Sides

LUANDA — Southern Africa and European mercenaries are at it again in Angola and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They have been recruited by organizations representing government and opposition forces in both countries. One of the South African helicopter gunship pilots deployed as part of a U.N. force trying to stabilize Sierra Leone, told *Jane's Intelligence Review* that he had been offered jobs by both sides. But he has refused the offers because, as he says, "this time old buddies will be fighting each other." Two recent African developments are likely to have a profound effect on sub-Saharan African politics. The first is the outbreak of civil war in Laurent Kabila's Congo. It threatens to rip the country apart with the real possibility that two new nations — one in the east and another, Katanga, in the south — will emerge. The fighting has been fierce and the casualties continue to mount. Drawn into the fray are elements of the national armies of Zimbabwe, Namibia and Angola, supported by former Executive Outcomes (EO) mercenaries on one side and Uganda and Rwanda (again with freebooter military support) who have sided with the rebels on the other. This crippling scenario promises a long drawn-out guerrilla war.

Already, South African mercenary pilots in Angolan Air Force Su-22 "Fitters" and SU-25 "Frogfoots" have hit rebel targets. Their forward operational bases are Saurimo, diamond capital of Angola's Lunda-Norte Province and military airports

north of the capital. Late August, more South African mercenaries flying Angolan air force Mi-24 and Mi-17 gunships out of oil-rich Cabinda and Luanda routed rebel concentrations to the west of Kinshasa.

The other event that worries the West is a resumption of hostilities between the Angolan army (FAA) and Dr. Jonas Savimbi's National Union for the Total Liberation of Angola (UNITA) movement. The consensus among those of us who have been there is that this crisis, too, will escalate. The U.N. is wearied by decades of conflict in the country. Also, it is broke and the organization hasn't the funds to maintain a peacekeeping force there for much longer.

Fears have been voiced that should war break out once more, it could spill across that country's frontiers. South Africa's deputy minister of foreign affairs, Aziz Pahad, is on record as saying "it will be very difficult to build an iron curtain around a full-scale war in Angola." This was one of the reasons why British and American mediators have rushed to Central Africa in a bid to curtail escalating violence. Turtle Bay, too, has been active. New York sent an envoy to Angola to try to talk sense into the warmongers, followed immediately afterwards by the appointment of a new U.N. special representative, Issa Diallo, to head Angola's peace mission.

The conflict has spawned regional differences. President Mandela, has used strong lan-



Flashback to the post-independent period with a Savimbi poster at Humabo Airport. He offered much, and delivered little but endless conflict.



Because of the security threat, the Angolan government has found it necessary to guard every bridge in the country, such as this one over the Cuanza, south of Luanda.



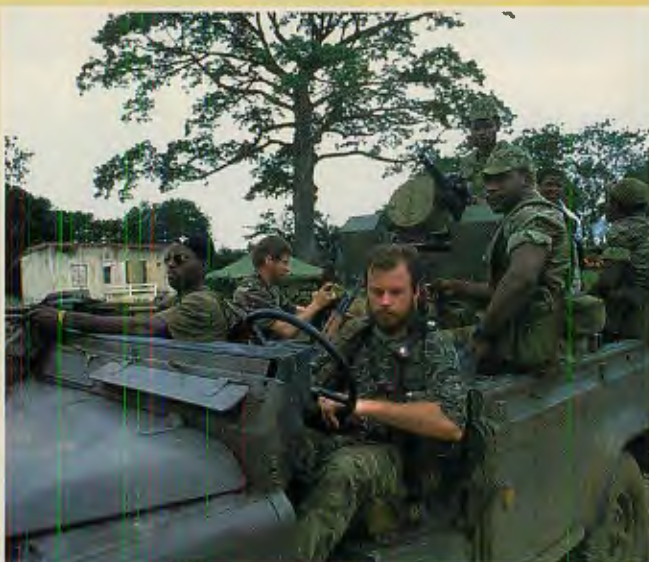
Russian-built T-54/55 main battle tank knocked out at Saurimo airport during a UNITA raid. Some Executive Outcomes mercs were killed.



Mi-17 gunship pilot's-eye view of the African jungle below. South African chopper crews tend to move in tandem when flying cross-country.



Another Angolan Air Force Mi-17 helicopter (above) knocked out in bush country in the east with an American Stinger missile. Some Executive Outcomes personnel were killed in that attack. (right) South African mercs killed after an attack in the Lunda Norte area. (below) South African mercs have given a pretty good account of themselves in a succession of recent African wars. Executive Outcomes operatives are seen here on patrol in the Sierra Leone diamond fields.



guage to declare himself opposed to President Mugabe involving his people in what he terms "a senseless war." What's happening in the Congo is of no consequence to the Zimbabwean people, he has said. The next step, arguably, since the two leaders no longer speak to each other, might be trade sanctions against Harare. Pretoria has the economic clout to do so.

Eager For War

By all accounts from those who have just returned from this troubled African state — as big as France, Germany and Italy combined — UNITA and the Marxist government of President dos Santos appear not only ready for war, but eager for it. For a while now, both leaders have been stockpiling war materiel, much of it coming from Eastern European countries such as Romania and Bulgaria. According to Jane's *International Defense Review* (August 1998), China and the United States have also made weapons sales to Angola. So have South Africa, France, Belgium, Russia and many others.

The outcome will rest on the level of preparedness of the two armies. Both Luanda and UNITA have sizable, trained and well-equipped forces, although government troops — not having been paid since last December — have oft-times resorted to banditry. Elsewhere, Angolan soldiers are looting and rustling cattle and blaming it on UNITA. Other reports speak of massacres of entire communities. Because communications in Angola are patchy and the foreign media is banned, there is no way of checking whether these reports are true.

Certainly, UNITA forces are better disciplined than their government counterparts. The trouble is, far from cooperating with a U.N. mediating force and disarming his army (as he should have done following his signing the Lusaka Accords), Dr. Jonas Savimbi — after agreeing to a cease-fire in 1994 — set about enlarging it. By mid-1998, UNITA had an estimated 70,000 men in uniform, many with decades of insurgency experience dating back to the post-Colonial period. Some of these troops had mastered skills imparted by South African special forces during the border war period. This is evident from Savimbi's radio communications network, which, throughout Angola (again, courtesy of South Africa), is better than that of the government. He is in daily contact with his units wherever they are operational.

Also, South African mine-clearing teams working in Angola in the past two years say that because most UNITA special forces were trained by their people, the "signatures" left behind on some of the minefields and booby traps they encountered were unmistakable. "We couldn't have done better ourselves. I immediately recognized some of the systems we used; the way the mines were laid, the knots they used," said Johan van Zyl, formerly a cross-border operative with one of his country's strike teams.

What UNITA lacks is air power, and now, with Mobutu gone, a secure supply route to the outside world. Until the Zairean dictator was overthrown a year ago, Mobutu was UNITA's principle benefactor and Kinshasa, Savimbi's arterial link with his contacts abroad. He channeled most of his diamond sales to Europe through Kinshasa. One of the reasons why UNITA has sided with rebels opposed to Kabila has been to try to reopen a route to the outside world again.

In spite of shortcomings — or possibly because of them — Dr. Savimbi has demonstrated an unusually adept hand at insurgency. He is a classic revolutionary and a Maoist by conviction. The UNITA leader draws a lot of support from a society that has been brutally subjugated by a succession of corrupt and inefficient administrations for much of the past quarter century. Also, he likes to work closely with the local population and to use Angola's dislocation and its size to his advantage. His actions are coupled to exploiting a state-run infrastructure that is in tatters after almost 40 years of war.

It is true, too, that government forces rarely control territory beyond city limits, and even then their influence is questionable. In early August, President dos Santos was forced to deploy additional troops and police to the capital and other cities to quell riots. Luanda was designed by the Portuguese to serve perhaps 300,000 people. At present there are three — possibly four — million people living there.

Destabilizing Region

Developments in Angola, as we go to press, are on the move. A recently-returned South African entrepreneur with diamond interests in the country's Lunda-Norte Province, told this writer that in his view, just about everything pointed to another war. It was only a question of time, he reckoned.

"We know that both sides have been intensely training their forces," he said, adding that lot of outsiders — some South Africans, Moroccans, a few Middle Eastern states, Israel and others — had been helping UNITA. "We are all aware of the problems on the ground and how it will affect our operations should that happen." Visitors returning to South Africa from Eastern Angola say most of those who are mining the region have some contingency measures in place. A lot of them talk of defending their assets with force, though obviously that would not be possible without the government giving the nod.

More serious are reports that if war breaks out in Angola tomorrow, neighboring countries might be destabilized. There are unsubstantiated reports circulating in several African capitals (including Pretoria, Kampala and Dar es Salaam) of one or more Cuban battalions having been clandestinely flown into the country. Indeed, a South African military attaché who is familiar with the situation spoke about several new camps on the outskirts of Luanda containing troops, some of whom are white and none of whom speak English. They could be Portuguese or Iberian, but that is unlikely.

Other reports mention European interests (rumored to be linked to oil companies) that have been involved in the recruitment of mercenaries for the Luanda Government. This follows ELF-Aquitaine's link with "foreign forces" and the channeling of funds to Sassou-Nguesso to overthrow the legal government of President Lissouba in Congo-Brazza last year.

A source in Luanda disclosed to *SOF* that while EO might not be directly involved in the impasse, many of their personnel who remained behind after 1994 had been consigned there as "sleepers" — either as farmers, prospectors, miners or businessmen. Now, some had been reactivated, though it's not certain at this stage exactly who is picking up the tab. It has become clear that almost all South African mercenaries previously involved in the country are linked in some way or another to FAA. Others work for the Angolan Air Force. According to the *Johannesburg Mail and Guardian* (7 August 1998), a former EO director has obtained a very substantial government contract "worth tens of millions of dollars" to supply technical expertise to train pilots and soldiers. More South Africans have been hired to fly and maintain the squadrons of new fighter aircraft that Luanda recently bought from Russia.

Among those still in Angola are veteran professional soldiers such as Andy Brown, formerly head of Executive Outcomes counterinsurgency operations in Sierra Leone, as well as "Pale" van der Walt, a senior EO commander during the mid '90s. When Apartheid ruled, Brown worked in military intelligence, while Van der Walt



(above) South African mercenaries are again involved in Angola and in the Congo. Many are former EO fighters, though the company vigorously disputes that it is involved in either fray. (below) The infantry fighting vehicle of choice in Africa these days is the Russian BMP-2, of which Angola has hundreds.



ended a distinguished career in the South African Army in special forces. In Angola, both men have been working for Piet "Hand" Cronje, a South African part-owner of one of the largest alluvial and kimberlite diamond concessions in the country.

Second-Tier Mercenaries

Recent intelligence reports indicate that Savimbi has recruited at least 300 mercenaries of his own in South Africa and Europe. He has put the word out, despite it being illegal, for SA nationals to be involved in foreign wars. Significantly, with a crisis looming between Mandela and Mugabe, the South African government has done little to stop this activity. However, Ronnie Kasrils, deputy minister of defense and member of the SA Communist Party, warned that the government will take vigorous action against anyone who tries to recruit mercenaries.

One reputable former soldier with Angolan experience declined an offer, saying that Savimbi was not getting the sort of people that he



UNITA officers with their captured Russian BTR armored personnel carrier.

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MATCH TUNED

BUSHMASTER RIFLE

As a U.S. military-issue infantry rifle the M14's run was all too brief. The first commercial procurement contract for the M14 was allotted to Winchester on 17 February 1959 for 35,000 rifles at \$69.75 each. Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara terminated procurement of the M14 on 30 June 1964. In his January 1963 announcement he stated there would be a "one-time buy" of 85,000 AR-15 rifles for the Army and 19,000 for the Air Force. A total of 1,360,246 M14s were manufactured by Springfield Armory, Olin Mathieson Chemical Corp. (Winchester), Harrington & Richardson Inc., and Thompson Ramo Wooldridge (TRW).

The scoped M21 sniper version of the M14 continues to soldier on today and is still employed by certain organizations within the U.S. special operations community. I encountered the M21 in El Salvador and it was fielded as well by the Israel Defense Force (IDF).

It was originally intended that a semiautomatic-only version of the M14 would eventually be made available to qualified civilian high-power match shooters.

Springfield Armory's M1A-A1 Combat Carbine

Text & Photos by Peter G. Kokalis

However, the Gun Control Act of 1968 redefined the meaning of the word "firearm" and henceforth any firearm designed to fire in the full-auto mode was determined to be a machine gun regardless of any modifications subsequently made to prevent full-auto

fire. This has prevented the release of the M14 to civilians, except in very limited numbers as registered NFA weapons.

After the abrupt termination of the M14 program, the three commercial contractors were left with a substantial stockpile of



Test-firing the Springfield Armory M1A-A1 Bush Rifle for accuracy from the bench.

parts. In 1971 Elmer Ballance of the L.H. Gun Co. in Devine, Texas, acquired a sizable quantity of these parts and contracted Valley Ordnance Co. of Wilkes-Barre, Penn., to manufacture investment-cast receivers designed for semiautomatic-only fire. After making only 2,000 rifles (now highly prized collectors pieces) L.H. Gun Co. was sold to Springfield Armory in Geneseo, Illinois. While others have made handfuls of semiauto M14s here and there (including the dreadful Chinese metric M14 clone), Springfield Armory (Springfield,

Inc., Dept. SOF, 420 West Main, Geneseo, IL 61254; phone: 309-944-5631; fax: 309-944-3676) has a virtual, and well-deserved lock on this market.

Soldier Of Fortune was recently sent a very special version of their compact M1A-A1 Bush Rifle for test and evaluation with some features that I had personally designated. Springfield Armory has applied modern manufacturing techniques to all areas of the M1A and M1A-A1 series production. These rifles differ from the original M14 in many significant ways other than the



The sighting system on the M14/M1A is a great classic in the American military tradition. Patterned after the M1 Garand, the blade front sight has open protective ears and can be adjusted for windage zero by sliding the assembly in its dovetail after the allen-head set screw has been loosened. The drum-type rear sight has a peep aperture. Its elevation knob, on the left side, is adjustable from zero to 72 very audible clicks, each one of which represents 1 MOA. Eight to 12 clicks upward from the zero position should get you on the paper at 100 meters. Our M1A-A1 Bush Rifle was at point-of-aim/point-of-impact at 25/250 meters with eight clicks of

upward rotation. Many match shooters like to get this down to six clicks by milling down the front sight blade by 10 to 15 thousandths (while maintaining the forward angle of the blade). The rear sight aperture can be adjusted from zero to 16 clicks (each of which also represent 1 MOA) to the right or left of the center index line by rotating the windage knob on the right side. Springfield Armory National Match and Super Match M1A rifles have a 1/2-MOA elevation adjustment built into the eyepiece which is rotated 180 degrees up or down to achieve the adjustment change. Our M1A-A1 Bush Rifle was equipped with National Match sights. The NM aperture assembly has a peep hole diameter of 0.0595-inch. The top of the NM front sight blade is square and the assembly itself is so marked. You can minimize wear on these components with a light coating of Tetra Gun G (available from Brownells Inc., Dept. SOF, 200 South Front Street, Montezuma, IA 50171-9989; phone: 515-623-5401).

One click of elevation or windage will move the bullet's strike

approximately 0.7 centimeters at a range of 25 meters (approximately 2.8 centimeters at 100 meters). To compute the approximate distance that one click will move the bullet's strike at a given range in meters (remember 1 MOA means 1 inch in 100 yards), divide the range by 25 meters and multiply by 0.7 centimeters. U.S. Army doctrine during the M14's era, prescribed a battlesight zero of 250 meters. This can be obtained by zeroing the rifle at 25 meters since the trajectory will provide a point of impact at that distance which

closely matches the point of impact at a range of 250 meters.

After the battlesight zero has been obtained, the rear sight must be calibrated. Turn the elevation knob forward until it reaches the lowest setting and count the number of clicks required to do this. Loosen the set screw in the center of the elevation knob with the combo tool until the knob can again be rotated forward (i.e. is independent of the aperture's movement up or down). The elevation knob is marked 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11 with a large M to indicate these marks are in hundreds of meters. Rotate the elevation knob forward until the 250-meter index line (the long line between the numbers 2 and 4 on the knob) is aligned with the receiver's index line. Then turn the knob forward the exact number of clicks required to achieve the 250-meter battlesight setting. Tighten the center screw. Rack the rear sight out to its highest elevation setting and tighten the center screw again. Turn the elevation knob back down to its lowest setting. Turn back up the number the number of clicks required to reach the battlesight setting and the 250-meter line should be aligned exactly with the receiver's index line.

—P.G.K.

Zeroing the M14/M1A

absence of selective-fire capability (never a successful feature).

The M1A/M1A-A1 receiver is a precision investment casting made from 8620 ordnance steel, the same material used to make the original military .30 M1 Garand and M14 receivers. It is 100% machined and in numerous areas has been made thicker for added strength. These receivers are subjected to rigorous inspection procedures throughout the manufacturing process. The M1A receiver and all other steel components carry a black oxide finish.

Overall length of the M1A-A1 Bush Rifle is 40.3 inches. I specified a heavy match-grade barrel and that added almost 3 pounds to the overall weight which is 11.5 pounds, with sling and empty magazine. This is quite heavy by today's standards, but the payoff is a substantial increase in the accuracy potential. The barrel length is 18 inches. Original 22-inch M14 barrels had four-groove rifling with a right-hand twist of one turn in 12 inches. The heavy match-grade barrel provided on our test specimen has six-groove rifling with a right hand-twist of one turn in 11 inches. This slightly faster rate of twist offers better accuracy with a wider range of projectile weights,



Springfield Armory M1A-A1 Bush Rifle, fieldstripped.

ranging from standard 150-grain military FMJ (full metal jacket) ball to the new 175-grain BTHP (boat-tail hollow-point) moly-coated bullets becoming popular with high-power competitors. Springfield Armory's M1A/M1A-A1 barrels have chrome-lined bores and chambers.

Barrel threads at the muzzle retain an efficient, and often copied, 3-inch flash sup-

pressor. With five elongated slots on the sides and top, the flash suppressor body also contains the front sight assembly (in this instance a National Match type). A knurled and notched nut retains this assembly on the barrel and requires a "capstan" pliers to install or remove. An allen-head jam nut prevents the capstan nut from backing off. The flash suppressor body also used to con-

The 7.62x51mm cartridge should have never been adopted. That it has turned out to be an excellent military round in sniper and machine gun applications is besides the point. If it had not been adopted, the 5.56x45mm NATO cartridge would not exist today.

In 1951 the U.S. Army released the following statement: "The Army is firmly opposed to the adoption of any less effective small caliber cartridge for use in either its present rifle, or in the new weapons being developed. Any new rifle cartridge must have wounding power, penetration performance, and ballistics at least equal to that in use today. Battle experience has proven beyond question the effectiveness of the present rifle and ammunition, and there have been no changes in combat tactics which would justify a reduction of rifle caliber and power."

This statement is directly contrary to the German army experience in World War II. The German 7.92x33mm Kurz round was developed in 1934 and used to great effect in the latter part of the war in the StG44 assault rifle. Taking advantage of the latest propellants then available, the 7.92x33mm Kurz round produced excellent results in spite of its dramatic reduction in size and weight.

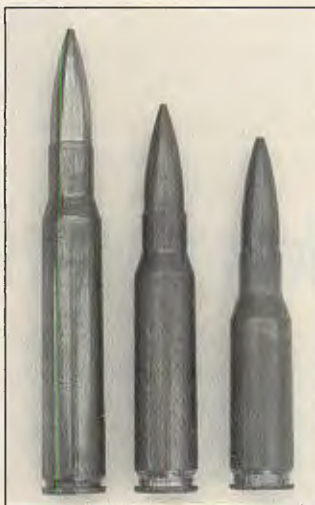
History Of The 7.62x51mm NATO Cartridge

size assault rifle cartridge. In this regard the .280/30 was comparable to the Soviet 7.62x39mm round that was developed independently of the German 7.92x33mm project. Both of these cartridges

allowed the use of relatively lightweight rifles firing effective short full-auto bursts.

But the .280/30 was not to be. *Fabrique Nationale* also developed an even superior cartridge known as the 7mm High Velocity, which was a T65 case necked-down to 7mm. Its bullet provided the outstanding ballistic coefficient of the 7mm projectile. However, Colonel Rene R. Studler of U.S. Army Ordnance, refused to compromise in any area and in February 1954 the five NATO powers adopted the T65E3 round as the 7.62x51mm NATO cartridge. None of the principal battle rifles eventually fielded for this round (the M14, FN FAL and H&K G3) were really lightweight and none of them provided effective selective fire capability. The 7.62x51mm cartridge was very little more than the .30-06 in a shortened case permitted by improved propellant efficiency. Sixty-nine countries to date have manufactured 7.62x51mm NATO military ball ammunition.

Traveling out of the muzzle at about 2,750 fps, the wound ballistics performance of US M80 7.62x51mm ball ammunition is characteristic of most non-deforming FMJ military projectiles. For the first 6 to 7 inches of travel through living tissue, the bullet remains point-forward and the wound track is no larger than .30-caliber. At 8 to 14 inches of penetration, the bullet yaws 180 degrees, after which it passes through the body base-forward with a total penetration of about 25 inches. Where the bullet yaw is at its maximum, 60 to 120 degrees, a large temporary cavity is produced and the height of the permanent cavity will increase to 1.16 inches (the length of the 150-grain boat-tail projectile) maximum. This is good, but not spectacular, performance. —P.G.K.

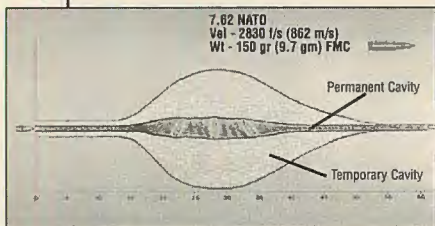


Military ball ammunition, from left to right: .30-06, 7.62x51mm NATO, and the failed contender, the British .280/30 round — a true intermediate-size assault rifle cartridge. (left) Wound profile of the 7.62x51mm NATO ball round. At 8 to 14 inches of penetration, the bullet yaws 180 degrees, after which it passes through the body base-forward with a total penetration of about 25 inches.

Because of its relatively low recoil, it also permitted practical selective-fire capability from a shoulder-mounted rifle.

German combat experience clearly demonstrated that infantry rifle fire was rarely effective beyond 600 yards.

Based upon the German experience, the British developed the .280/30 cartridge with a projectile diameter of 0.276-inch. It was a true intermediate-





Springfield Armory M1A-A1 Bush Rifle shown with original selective-fire M14.

tain a bayonet lug, but our test specimen was a so-called "post ban" rifle and this feature was deleted.

The standard guide for loading directly from five-round stripper clips is mounted directly in front of the rear sight assembly (also a National Match type) on the receiver. Attached to the trigger housing by a roll pin, the spring-loaded magazine catch release lever must be pressed forward to remove the magazine. Loaded magazines should be tilted forward and rolled back when inserted

into the magazine-well. Vaguely based upon that of the BAR, the 20-round, staggered-column, box-type magazine was a decided step forward in reliability. M14 magazines were fabricated by a number of different subcontractors. Their mark will always be found at the back of the magazine's body near the bottom. As they are all milspec, none are preferable to any other, but beware of unmarked aftermarket magazines. In my experience they cannot be trusted. All of Springfield Armory's M14 magazines are original USGI.

Twenty-round magazines seem to offer the best capacity for 7.62x51mm NATO infantry rifles. I have used 30-round magazines in both the FN FAL and H&K G3 and found them to be too heavy and clumsy, even when the rifle is fired from a strong shoulder mount.

At my request our test specimen was fitted with a black (actually more gray than

Remove the magazine and clear the rifle. Grasp the rear of the trigger guard and pull away and toward the muzzle at the same time. Withdraw the trigger mechanism. Separate the barreled receiver from the stock by placing the rifle in a position with the sights downward. Hold the receiver by the rear sight and with the

stripping is not recommended. The gas system, especially, should not be disassembled as long as the piston slides freely in the cylinder, or until 300 rounds have been fired. A tight fit between the flash hider and the gas system is essential for maximum accuracy. The handguard can be removed without disassembling the gas system. Place the barreled receiver on a flat surface with the sight down. Insert a drift in the hole on each side of the underside of the rear handguard band (or use the Brownells tool specifically developed for this purpose) and pry the band out of each of its retaining slots in the barrel. Then carefully lift the rear of the handguard up and to the rear. M14 magazines should be periodically disassembled for cleaning.

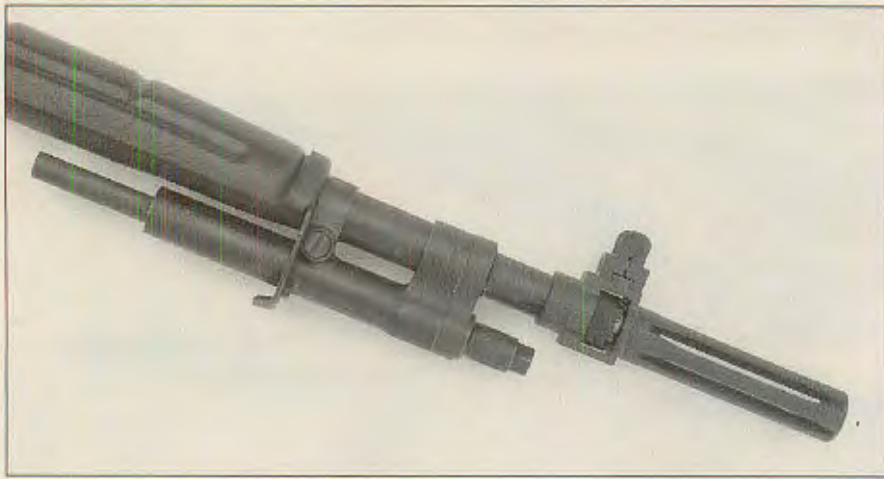
M1A Disassembly Procedures

other hand lift the stock off the receiver. Be especially careful if the stock has been bedded. With the bolt forward, push the recoil spring toward the muzzle to relieve pressure on the connector lock. Use the roll pin on the connector lock to draw the lock away from the guide rod and toward the op rod. Holding the recoil spring under control, withdraw it and the guide rod from the operating rod's hollow interior. Pull the retracting handle to the rear. Toward the end of the operating rod's rearward travel, pull the retracting handle up and out. When the lug on the bottom rear of the operating rod disengages from the receiver, rotate the op rod down and out. Pull the operating rod to the rear to disengage its tube from the operating rod's guide on the receiver. To remove the bolt, grasp it by the roller (right lug), slide it forward and then lift the bolt upward and out to the right with a rotating motion. Removal and reassembly of the operating rod and bolt requires practice. Frequent disassembly past this level of field-



lightly lubricated with a film of Tetra Gun G or Kleen-Bore's TW25-B High Tech Lubricant. Use G96 Gun Treatment (G96 Products Co., Inc., Dept. SOF, 237 River Street, Paterson, NJ 07544-1684; phone: 800-782-6672; fax: 201-684-3848) on the other components. Do not lubricate the gas system. Do not snap the handguard in place. Align the rear band with the slots in the barrel and slide the handguard rearward. If the gas system has been disassembled, remember to install the piston with its flat side to the barrel and open end to the muzzle.

—P.G.K.



The M14/M1A's efficient flash hider (left) has been much imitated. Powered by a gas system first developed for the White semiautomatic rifle of 1929, this portion of the M14/M1A consists of five major components.

black) laminated-wood stock. Laminated-wood stocks were first used in substantial quantity by the Germans during World War II on the Mauser K98k rifle. By 1937 supplies of quality walnut were running low in Germany. Experiments with other woods such as beech and maple were unsuccessful, as they were subject to excessive warpage. A laminated beechwood stock was eventually selected and although somewhat heavier than walnut, it exhibited no warpage and

greater strength characteristics. More than 50 years later, laminated-wood processes are far superior than they were initially. An added advantage is that the laminated pattern diminishes the possibility of visual detection. Springfield Armory offers many other stock options from walnut to camouflage-pattern fiberglass. To further enhance the accuracy potential the stock was glass-bedded to accommodate the action, while the barrel remains free-floating. Our Bush

Rifle was supplied with a black plastic upper handguard to complement the black laminated stock.

The M14's aluminum buttplate has a hinged steel shoulder strap. A double-compartment in the stock stores the combination tool, chamber and bore brushes, lubricant container and five-piece cleaning rod (none of which were supplied with the *SOF* test specimen). Sling swivels are attached to the bottom of the stock at the front and rear. The rear sling swivel is fixed, like that found on the M16.

I choose to install the superb Turner Saddlery (Dept. *SOF*, P.O. Box 120, Clay, AL 35048-0120; phone: 205-680-0120) Police Tactical Rifle Sling on the M1A-A1 Bush Rifle. Handmade from premium English bridal leather, the sling has a 50-inch strap with numbered holes. It is fitted with milspec parkerized steel hardware and copper rivets. The short strap is stitched with bonded nylon thread to resist rot. The keepers are 7/8-inch wide and hand stitched. The sling is based upon the U.S. Military Model

Gas-operated, these rifles fire from the closed-bolt position. After the trigger is squeezed to rotate the hammer forward and drive the firing pin to ignite the cartridge primer, the bullet moves up the bore and a portion of the propellant gases passes through the vent drilled into the bottom of the barrel. The gases move past a cutoff valve, which can be rotated for grenade launching, and through a hole in the piston.

the gas cylinder and must be removed with a combination tool. A little more than 3 1/2 inches in length, the piston has a 1 3/4-inch solid shaft and 1 3/4-inch hollow cylinder with seven gas grooves around its external circumference and a single gas port. The gas cylinder itself is held in place by a lock piece threaded to the barrel. A slot-headed spindle valve attached to the gas cylinder must be rotated with the combo tool so its slot is parallel to the barrel,

Method of Operation: M14/M1A

The piston's hollow interior fills with gas and the piston is forced rearward, driving the operating rod and bolt with it when enough pressure has developed to overcome the forces represented by friction and the recoil spring. Once the piston starts rearward, its port and the barrel's gas vent are no longer in alignment and no further gas can enter the system, escaping instead to the atmosphere via an exhaust hole in the gas cylinder after the piston has moved backward 1.5 inches. Like the M60 GPMG, this system supposedly requires no gas regulator. In theory, the pressure required to move the operating rod and bolt will automatically increase until it is sufficient to counter the forces of inertia.

The operating rod goes through 3/8-inch of free travel to permit chamber pressures to drop to a safe level before a hump on the op rod's cam slot forces the bolt roller (on the right lug) upward. This motion disengages the bolt's two locking lugs from the receiver's locking recesses. The rotation to the left provides the primary extraction required to loosen and unseat the empty case from the chamber. As the bolt moves back, the empty case is extracted and held to the bolt face by the extractor claw. As soon as the case is completely withdrawn from the chamber, the ejector drives the "bump"-type ejector rod forward to throw the case out of the rifle to the right. The op rod's hump also assists the ejection process to a small degree. After ejection of the empty case, the compressed recoil spring drives the bolt forward to strip a round from the magazine and chamber it.

Powered by a gas system first developed for the White semiautomatic rifle of 1929, this portion of the M14/M1A consists of five major components. A knurled plug is threaded to the front of

shutting off gas flow to the piston, for launching grenades with the M64 blank cartridge. This latter feature has no application for the vast majority who employ the M1A as either a target rifle or law enforcement selected marksman system.

As with some of its other parts, the M14's trigger mechanism was lifted right out of the M1 Garand. Its major components are a hammer with two hooks, a trigger with an extension that is the main sear, and a spring-loaded secondary sear directly behind. When the hammer is cocked, it is held back by the main sear. When the trigger is pulled, the main sear moves forward off its notch on the hammer and the hammer then rotates up and forward, driven by its coil spring. When the bolt moves back and rolls the hammer down, it's caught by the secondary sear.

In semiautomatic fire, when the trigger is released, the secondary sear moves back out of engagement with the hammer. As the hammer starts forward after the trigger has been released, it is caught once more by the main sear and held until the trigger is pulled again. Although it does not apply to the M1A rifle, in full-auto fire the hammer is also held by the secondary sear, but rotation of the eccentric selector shaft (missing on the M1A) to the "A" position moves the connector assembly rearward into contact with the operating rod and the sear release to the rear into contact with the secondary sear, causing it to release the hammer and fire a round every time the bolt closes, until the trigger is released.

The safety is mounted in the front portion of the trigger guard; again, just like the M1 Garand. Push forward to disengage. When engaged, it blocks the main sear and prevents the trigger from being pulled rearward.

— P.G.K.



M14/M1A trigger assembly, (left) shown here with the hammer cocked and the trigger guard down for disassembly purposes, was lifted right out of the .30 M1 Garand. (right) M14/M1A trigger assembly with the hammer forward in the fired position.



1907 sling. The price is \$40.95 plus postage. These are quite simply the finest rifle slings in the world. More competition high-power rifle competitors use Turner slings than any other make. The Police Tactical Rifle sling is the choice of numerous law enforcement and military tactical teams.

Springfield Armory offers a comprehensive line of accessories for their M1A series of rifles. There is a very effective muzzle stabilizer, USGI muzzle protector, USGI rear sight cover, nylon or leather cheekpieces, scope mount, 20-round USGI magazines, 5- and 10-round magazines, ballistic nylon rifles cases, USGI cleaning kit, National Match sight kit, bipods, bayonet, combo tool, flash suppressor pliers, gas cylinder tool and technical manuals.

SOF's test and evaluation of the Springfield Armory M1A was conducted using match-grade ammo from Black Hills Ammunition (Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 3090, Rapid City, SD 57709-3090; phone: 605-348-5150; fax: 605-348-9827 — call for information about purchasing direct at retail if there is no Black Hills distributor near you). We employed Black Hills' standard .308 Winchester match loading which features a 168-grain BTHP (Boat-Tail Hollow-Point) bullet.

Using only the iron sights, I was able to shoot consistent 1 MOA groups with this rifle and ammunition combination. Black Hills match-grade ammunition has demonstrated its excellent accuracy potential many times to me. But the Springfield Armory M1A-A1 Bush Rifle with heavy match-grade barrel, glass-bedded action, National Match sights and tuned trigger was an all-important factor in the accuracy equation.

The M1A's trigger pull is of the two-stage type preferred by the U.S. military. After drawing up the slack, pull weight on the National Match tuned trigger assembly provided on our M1A-A2 Bush Rifle was a crisp and consistent 3.75 pounds. For experienced, and therefore trigger-sensitive, rifle aficionados it can't get any better than that.

Because of its substantial weight, recoil was completely negligible. Removing 4 inches does a lot to turn the M14/M1A package into a far more versatile and truly compact envelope. Because of the M14's

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efficient flash hider there is no increase in flash signature or muzzle blast. However, with a match-grade barrel this is one heavy mother and many may opt for a standard-

weight barrel. As I am personally only interested in accurate rifles, I am willing to accept the heavier load. It's all quite relative, and after years of carrying 24-pound machine guns through the bush, this 11.5-pound heavy-barrel Bush Rifle is almost a refreshing respite. There's no free lunch and if you want the accuracy edge provided by a heavy match-grade barrel, you'll just have to get used to toting it.

Complete with a laminated stock, glass-bedded to the action; National Match sights, National Match tuned trigger assembly and match-grade heavy barrel this special order Springfield Armory M1A-A1 Bush Rifle costs \$2,110 and provides a great deal of value even at that hefty price. ☒

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY M1A-A1 BUSH RIFLE

SPECIFICATIONS

- Caliber:** 7.62x51mm NATO (.308 Winchester).
- Operation:** Gas. No regulator. Piston impinges upon operating rod. Locking by means of rotary two-lug bolt (with roller on right lug). Fire from the closed-bolt position.
- Feed:** 20-round, staggered-column, detachable box-type magazine.
- Weight, empty:** 11.5 pounds complete with empty magazine and sling.
- Length, overall:** 40.3 inches.
- Barrel:** Heavy, match-grade. Six-groove with a right-hand twist of one turn in 11 inches. Chrome-lined bore and chamber.
- Barrel length:** 18 inches.
- Sights:** National Match type. Square-top NM blade-type front with protective ears; adjustable for windage zero. M1 Garand-type rear sight with NM 0.0595-inch peep aperture, adjustable for elevation and windage, audible 1 MOA clicks; 1/2-MOA elevation adjustment built into the eyepiece which is rotated 180 degrees up or down to achieve the adjustment change.
- Finish:** Black oxide.
- Furniture:** Black-laminated wood stock with black plastic upper handguard. Other stock options include walnut and camouflage-pattern fiberglass.
- Suggested retail price:** M1A-A1 Bush Rifle with black-laminated wood, glass-bedded stock; heavy match-grade barrel; National Match sights; and National Match tuned trigger assembly — \$2,110.
- Manufacturer:** Springfield Armory, Springfield Inc., Dept. SOF, 420 West Main, Geneseo, IL 61254; phone: 309-944-5631; fax: 309-944-3676.
- Sling:** Police Tactical Rifle Sling from Turner Saddlery, Dept. SOF, P.O. Box 120, Clay, AL 35048-0120; phone: 205-680-0120. Handmade from premium English bridal leather and based upon the U.S. Military Model 1907 sling. \$40.95 plus postage.
- T&E summary:** Compact, semiautomatic-only version of the battle-proven M14. Rugged and reliable. Extremely accurate. Heavy because of match-grade barrel selected by author.

sinking *private ryan*

A Technical Review

by Peter G. Kokalis



Rated five-star and highly acclaimed by the mainstream, and largely liberal, media as meticulously accurate in its technical detail, Steven Spielberg's *Saving Private Ryan* is, in fact, a terribly flawed film in almost every regard, and especially so with regard to small arms.

Machine guns are especially misused and abused in the movie. The first 20 minutes depict the nightmare of Omaha Beach and include numerous scenes of the MG42 GPMG, which was used with great effect on that terrible first day of the invasion. However, the movie's technical advisor was apparently unaware that this weapon's fold-down front sight must be rotated upward when the weapon is deployed. Throughout the film, almost all of the MG42 machine guns are shown with the front sight folded down.

Furthermore, during these first scenes and later, long bursts are often fired (presumably for theatrical effect) through the MG42. As the cyclic rate of this weapon can approach 1,400 rpm (Allied soldiers often referred to it as "Hitler's Zipper"), German machine gunners were programmed through training to fire very short bursts. Firing a three- to four-shot burst from a weapon with an extremely high cyclic rate will actually provide better hit probability on point targets than can be obtained with machine guns such as the Browning M1919A4, which fires at a rate of only 550 rpm.

In addition, because the MG42's cyclic rate was significantly greater than that of the MG34, from whose tripod — the *Lafette 34* — the Mount 42 was adapted, the stability of the Mount 42 was less, with significantly increased group dispersion. Another reason German machine gunners fired only short bursts from this mount.

The movie's technical advisor apparently had a serious aversion to machine-gun sights, as the Browning M1919A4 is consistently

shown with its front sight lowered as well. In the movie's final scenes the BMG is hauled up to a tower with its top cover closed at first and then strangely open at the end. It is also fired without the Traversing and Elevation mechanism. The preferred technique for "free gun" fire is to simply disconnect the T&E mechanism from the traversing bar, not to throw it away. With regard to this weapon, cloth belts mysteriously change to dis-

integrating links with blanks on at least one occasion. Worse, the movie's coward, a favorite character of Spielberg with whom he must empathize, charges hysterically back and forth with cloth belts dropping rounds everywhere he goes. As this ammunition arrived at Normandy with the belts tightly and securely loaded at the ammunition factories, this could not occur. Quite a few cartridges in these belts also have no primers.

The Browning Automatic Rifle (BAR)

is shown without carrying handle or bipod. This is not actually an error, as soldiers in combat frequently removed these two components. In the case of the bipod this was especially unfortunate. Experience at the end of World War I clearly demonstrated that the M1918 BAR was capable, as issued, of only mediocre hit probability. A bipod was added to what became the M1918A2 for that very reason. Attached at the muzzle end, group dispersion was reduced significantly. With the bipod located up front, it became somewhat more difficult to engage rapidly moving targets on the flanks. But, only hits count and the BAR was very much more accurate with a bipod.

However, the most bizarre sequence of technical errors surround the sniper and his rifle. At first the sniper is equipped with a Springfield M1903A4 sniper rifle with what appears to be either a Weaver M73B1 or Winchester A5

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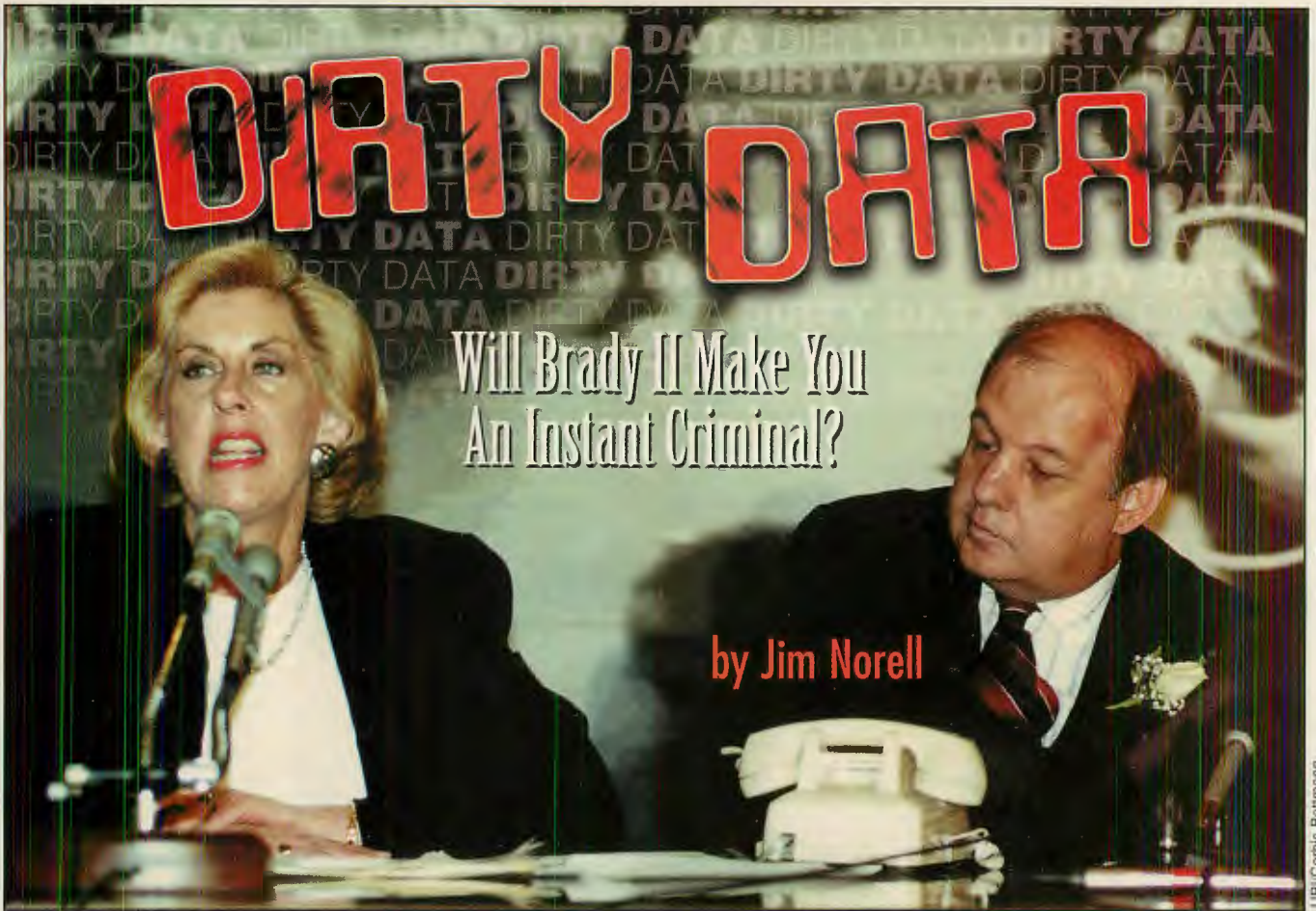


In Spielberg's army, patrols move through combat zones bunched together engaged in frivolous conversation. And trained snipers change scopes in the field without re-zeroing their system just before engaging long-range targets.



Underlying all of its technical nonsense, and the lavish praise it has received in spite of it, is the fact that *Saving Private Ryan* is politically correct to the liberal left.

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DIRTY DATA

Will Brady II Make You An Instant Criminal?

by Jim Norell

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If you didn't trust the joint efforts of the BATF and FBI at Waco or Ruby Ridge, try trusting them with your good name and your future firearms rights. Beginning on 1 December 1998, firearms owners will wake up to a Brave New World — run jointly by the Clinton version of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Life will not be the same for anyone wishing to purchase a firearm through a federally licensed dealer.

From that day on, if you attempt to buy any firearm — all long guns included — from an FFL holder, you will have to get the Justice Department's permission. It's an intrusion that has nothing to do with crime. Virtually no violent criminals who have violated long-existing laws against felonious purchase and possession of firearms have

been prosecuted. Instead they are "turned away," put back on the streets.

300,000 Felonies Not Prosecuted?

Under Brady Phase One — the five-year-old waiting-period and federally mandated state background check about to be

phased out — the Administration claims 300,000 prohibited persons were turned down. Their figures are garbage, but if you believe them, that's a lot of criminals who weren't prosecuted. (Bill Clinton is pressing to keep the waiting period, but there is no chance that will happen.)

When instant check slides into place

The Brady Bills I and II were named for James Brady (above, right) former press secretary to President Ronald Reagan, who was wounded in an assassination attempt on Reagan in 1980. His wife, Sarah Brady (above, left), now chief spokesperson for Handgun Control Inc., has been a prime mover in making her husband a poster-child for anti-gun legislation. President Clinton signed the original Brady Bill into law (right) on 30 November 1993, which brought such restrictions as waiting periods on handgun sales.



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next month, the Administration's catch-and-release program will simply continue. What will change, is the power of the federal government to regulate the lives of peaceable Americans.

But worse yet, unless the congress or the courts act, instant check will prove to be a disaster for anyone caught up in bureaucratic errors and mistakes.

Very likely, for peaceable Americans who are victims of bureaucratic error, an attempt to buy a gun from a dealer will open a nightmare, perhaps a lifelong nightmare, in which an innocent individual cannot lawfully own any guns.

But first, everybody's question, "What is the National Instant Check System (NICS)?" As envisioned by those who supported it, it was a neutral version of "instant check" where a prospective firearms owner's name is submitted for a high-tech super-computer background check. Instant check was an alternative to far more ominous proposals being pressed in 1993 by a Democrat-controlled Slick Willie rubber-stamp congress. The concept was that with modern technology a firearms-purchase clearance would take less than 30 seconds, then the non-prohibited purchaser walks away firearm in hand.

The gun dealer makes a call to the FBI, the purchaser's name is checked against a computerized list of people whose possession of a firearm would constitute a federal felony, and if there is no match, no sweat. No permanent record would be kept, even of the call itself.

Failed Safeguards

At the time it was argued before congress in 1993, there were great fears that "instant check" would create a national registration scheme. Assurances were made and safeguards written into law. Under the Brady Law safety net — fought for by pro-firearms rights legislators — when a name clears, the record search and all reference to the review is supposed to be destroyed — purged, deleted, wiped. That's supposed to happen "instantly." The only reference that a cleared check was made is supposed to be in a "unique number" assigned the transaction and noted by the gun dealer on the Form 4473 that the dealer keeps in his premises. All this is "supposed to be ..." That was the promise of congress — a lock-tight protection against creation of a national firearms owner registry.

But this is the Clinton Administration. Like so many other promises in the Clinton era, it appears to be just another lie. In the hard reality of America in 1998 — with the Clintonoids holding all the power of a lawless bureaucracy — their version of instant check has emerged all teeth and slime from the chest of its host, the Brady waiting-period law.

Technically, Slick Willie didn't inhale. Technically, Bubba never had sex with Monica. Technically, he never lied about it. Technically, the FBI isn't going to register

the names of firearms purchasers and owners. Nobody believed the first three hedges, why would anybody believe the last?

The FBI and its almost inconsequential partner in this power grab, the BATF, are saying flat-out they won't obey the law. In its published regulations, FBI has arrogantly announced it will keep the records of lawful firearms purchases of individuals who clear the system for 18 months for

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"audit purposes." BATF has agreed. And the President has said he will back this policy with and oppose (presumably with a veto) any legislation to bolster existing law preventing retention of records.

Scofflaw Law Enforcement

In addition to violating the Brady protections, such a scheme to keep centralized firearms transaction records also violates the strong strictures of the McClure/Volkmer Firearm Owners Protection Act of 1986: So much for the hard-fought assurances to those concerned about civil rights.

Instant check under ideal conditions and

in the best of hands comes down to the same thing — good people pay the price, even if it does stave off something far worse. So, as of 1 December, if you attempt to buy any firearm from a federally licensed dealer you have to prove your good character.

The government has had five years to collect data on people who are prohibited. And they've poured millions into state data bases and into software and hardware for computer systems to get them up and running. FBI's NICS computers are supposedly crammed with information on gun ownership eligibility. It's been gleaned from state and local law-enforcement records, from the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), from The Department of Defense, Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Bureau of Prisons, Veterans Administration, the FBI, The

U.S. Department of State and the Department of Transportation. That last agency is a stunner unless you look at the question of *de facto* nationalization of driver's licenses for federal identification purposes, using Social Security numbers as a marker: It's in the works.

The actual system will operate through two conduits accessed by federally licensed dealers, with a dealer directly contacting the FBI, or where the contact is made through a state agency or local police agency working with state government. Such contacts will be made via phone or via a special computer terminal that acts much like a credit card terminal.



In the wake of a deranged Palestinian's shooting spree atop the Empire State Building, in March 1997, President Clinton holds a news conference and photo op with representatives of state police from Texas, Indiana and California. At right are Sarah Brady of HCI, Ray Kelly (undersecretary of the Treasury for Enforcement), and (seated) James Brady.

FBI says in the early days of the system it will all be by phone. Apparently there are serious software glitches with the terminals.

The Administration has pressed very hard to force states into the role of "point of contact." The coercion comes in the form of federal money and in the form of a "tax" the FBI would levy as punishment for state's refusing to cooperate. The tax would be imposed on dealers and thus on consumers in those states. The "gun tax" has raised the most ire among the public, but it may be a stalking horse. There are other issues which should raise even greater concern.

To run the massive data base on its supercomputers, the FBI is hiring on a crash basis, and plans to have 450 people on-line by the first day — many of them "analysts." If a name comes up as questionable for any reason, the sale will be delayed while a deeper investigation ensues. That is where the analysts come in. With an official delay, a gun purchaser might wait up to five days (counting holidays and weekends). Congress provided that a sale couldn't be delayed for more than three business days, but the FBI will get around that with a denial. When in doubt, say no. A turndown could mean a wait of forever.

What about genuine criminals and fugitives who test the system? There is nothing, either in the law, or in the regulations or in the statements of federal law enforcement that allude to FBI or ATF making an arrest in the event that a turndown involves a violent criminal, or fugitive, who have just committed major felonies in the process of attempting to acquire a gun. During the Clinton years, such persons normally leave the gun store where they commit their crimes with no consequences paid other than being turned down.

Just Trust Us

For the past six months — meeting principally with firearms dealers and industry trade groups — FBI and BATF officials have been flacking NICS as a merely benign activity of government. They are all smiles and glad hands. They are saying that they are good guys and that they will look out after concerns of firearms owners rights. Perhaps they mean well. Personally, I must concede that maybe they really are good guys.

But the malignancy is in the black letter of the regulations these "good guys" are trying to sell.

Since late spring, the two agencies have published five separate sets of regulations on NICS. The most-telling of the five regs laid down under the newly emerging Brady law deals with the FBI exempting itself from the Federal Privacy Act. Published in the 4 June 1998 *Federal Register* (Vol. 63, Number 107), the Privacy Act exemption is the linch pin to everything the Justice Department wishes to get away with in a grab for raw, unauthorized power.

The Federal Privacy Act — among other critical protections — entitles any citizen on whom the government creates or keeps a



With the obligatory stern law-enforcement officers and perennial victim in attendance, President Clinton called on congress last August to extend the Brady Law. Brady II's instant-check provisions now extend to all firearm sales.

record to see that precise record on demand. It gives an individual the power to force the government to correct the record if it is wrong. And if a correction is made, the government must disseminate the correction to anyone or any entity that had access to the bad information. It's good law and it works.

If NICS is what it is supposed to be — a black and white set of facts on people who are prohibited from possessing firearms — there is every reason that the Privacy Act should apply.

Under the Gun Control Act of 1968, convicted felons, known drug users, adjudicated lunatics, people who renounced their citizenship or had dishonorable discharges from military service or those in the country illegally were criminally prohibited from possessing or purchasing firearms.

Added to those classes is now a host of "domestic abuse" misdemeanor disqualification's under the so-called Lautenberg amendment.

Even with the terribly complex nature of disabling minor spousal abuse crimes under Lautenberg, there is no reason that information on the FBI's computers shouldn't be made available to those turned down. It still comes down to yes or no.

Regulations Ignoring The Law

Without arguing the right or wrong (all moot) points of "instant check," this citizen access to their records is what congress intended with the Privacy Act. Innocent people must be protected against wrongful information held by the government.

But what congress intended, and what the Clinton/Gore FBI and Department of Justice are taking for themselves are opposites. If the FBI or BATF makes a mistake about someone's background, they should fix it. That's the law if the Privacy Act

applies. They restore your name. They restore your rights. The burden is on them. The individual citizen has the rightful upper hand. With the Privacy Act in place, there is a presumption of innocence.

But the FBI has gone to great pains to exempt itself and its records from the Privacy Act. But that's their newspeak way of putting it. In reality, the FBI is exempting individual citizens from exercising their rights to know what is being said about them and done to them.

What has been written by FBI lawyers and bureaucrats regards the Privacy Act has no smile. There is no glad-hand, no back-slapping, nothing to wheedle, and nothing false to sell in terms of trust here. It's just words that will grind you under. The proposed regs announce that the FBI, and NICS should not be subject to restrictions of the Privacy Act ...

"... because the release of the accounting of disclosures would place the subject (gun purchaser) on notice that the subject is or has been the subject of investigation and result in a serious impediment to law enforcement.

"... because these provisions concern an individual's access to records which concern the individual and such access to records in the system would compromise ongoing investigations, reveal investigatory techniques and confidential informants, invade the privacy of persons who provide information in connection with a particular investigation or constitute a potential danger to the health or safety of law-enforcement personnel."

"... because to require the FBI to amend information thought not to be accurate, timely, relevant and complete, because of the nature of the information collected and the essential length of time it is maintained,

would create an impossible administrative burden by forcing the agency to continuously retrograde its investigations attempting to resolve these issues."

So a person — using lawful, existing Privacy-Act power for redress to correct a record that causes government to improperly treat that individual as "prohibited" from owning firearms — would impede law enforcement, invade the privacy of informants, be a danger to the health or safety of law enforcement personnel, and would create an impossible administrative burden on the organs of the state?

A government attorney working on a similar federal data base told *SOF*, "NICS is not supposed to be an investigatory data base. It is informational. Everything is yes or no; up or down. If it were 'law enforcement,' with information such as that which is provided by undercover agents or confidential informants, there might be a clear reason for exemption. But not here. No way."

Not Fish, Just Foul

In fact, during June hearings before the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime, FBI officials testified emphatically that NICS was "not law enforcement." Nobody on the committee asked the obvious question, "Then what the hell is it?"

In its Privacy Act exemption regulation, FBI officials are giving Americans an ironclad guarantee that errors will happen, and flatly refuse to stand behind accuracy of any of the vast majority of the data they will receive.

Here's how they say it: "Since most of the records are from state and local or other federal agency records, it would be impossible to review all of them to verify that they are accurate."

Dirty data will be a huge problem. A Justice Department lawyer — who spends his days defending regulations — told *SOF* the FBI proposals were "intrinsically dangerous and very badly drafted." He likened dirty data possessed by the FBI on an individual to the possession stolen property.

"There is a simple principle of law that fits here. It doesn't matter whose hands it is in, stolen property is still stolen property all the way down the line. Dirty information is dirty information. And if it is possessed and used against an individual citizen by the FBI, the agency can't cop out because they got it from another source."

If the FBI does possess and use incorrect information to turn down a gun sale, you, the hapless, innocent, refused buyer, will lose your Second Amendment rights on the spot. In the regulations, the dealer cannot be informed as to the reason a sale is denied, nor can the buyer be told. The dealer is merely given a unique number. For the buyer, there will be a form to fill out, and a process that has not yet been configured could be in the works.

For the innocent buyer given a red light, this is the beginning of a nightmare.

It's not just that you are turned down for that particular gun sale: You are marked as a prohibited person. Every time your name

pops up in their supercomputer and in some other agency's super computers, you are listed as a prohibited person. Until your name is cleared, you can't own guns. And who knows with whom this information might be shared?

The FBI also says that if you are turned down, your word counts for nothing. "... because the purpose of the system is to verify information about an individual, it would not be realistic to rely on information provided by the individual."

So the FBI sees itself as cop, prosecutor, judge and jury to a citizen's rights. Anyone given a mistaken thumbs down is screwed.

So, Sue Me, Hyuk, Hyuk, Hyuk ...

The FBI in its regulations says a person can get unscrewed by suing the government. Even if you are rich enough, try suing government and winning.

The ostensible hook for demanding their exemptions from the Privacy Act is that the NICS scheme is "law enforcement." But, when FBI officials told congress the opposite — that NICS was "not law enforcement" — that claim was to cover the government's plan to charge a fee for the "service" of running background checks. Under totally unrelated laws dealing with

fee-for-service for non-government activities such as fingerprint work for private entities, the FBI is allowed to charge a fee. Those laws predate Brady, so they don't apply. Yet the FBI claims that's where they get the power to charge a fee for background checks on potential gun buyers.

Only in the Clinton Administration can something be "law enforcement" and "not law enforcement" at the same time.

In the last of five published regulations, the FBI has announced it will indeed charge a fee of \$14 per firearms transaction as part of NICS. This, mind you, follows on the heels of U. S. Senate passage of an appropriations rider banning any fee and prohibiting any retention of records of people who are cleared under NICS. New Hampshire's U. S. Senator Bob Smith's measure also gives any citizen standing to sue the government if either stricture is broken: Bubba Clinton has promised to shut down the government over this issue. (Try translating that into shutting down Judge Starr's Independent Counsel operation.) A 69 to 31 roll call Senate defeat for the gun tax is a pretty stout vote.

You would think the FBI director would look at such a vote and say, "Let's forget the

fee, gents." But don't think in terms of \$14, do a little math: It's worth the wrath of congress, especially if you get your way.

As of August, 22 states will not serve as "point of contact" for either handgun or long-gun purchases under NICS, meaning dealers in those states must directly contact FBI officials at their computer lair in West Virginia.

In four additional states, the point of contact will be shared; handguns handled at state level and long guns by the feds. In Delaware, it's split even further with shotguns and rifles being handled by different levels of government.

The regulatory mess aside, what this means — unless some force of sanity intervenes in the form of congress or the courts — is that in all of those jurisdictions, the FBI will charge a fee of \$14 a pop for gun purchases.

It is estimated by industry experts that the FBI could be directly handling 9,000

transactions an hour. So, 9,000 calls at \$14 equals \$126,000 an hour. And \$126,000 an hour times 60-business hours per week equals \$7,560,000; times 52 weeks totals ... \$393,120,000 a year into the pockets of a federal police agency with no congressional authorization to take that money.

And gunners will pay. For what? For something congress says the FBI must do as their duty as a taxpayer-funded government agency. The congress did, after

all, already appropriate \$200 million for NICS over the past five years. That seemed like a lot, but pales to chicken feed compared to what the FBI could raise on its own — from gun buyers — over that same period of time: almost \$2 billion. And they say it's not a tax.

Instant Check, or Blank Check?

Further, there is nothing but their regulatory good word to keep the FBI from upping the ante — \$20, \$50, \$100. Almost sounds like the hype ending one of those pesky fund-raising letters.

If congress lets them get away with this, the FBI will be blending government and commerce. Sound familiar? What next? Will be the FBI go into competition with the People's Liberation Army, making slave-labor Barbie knock-offs to pay for "Brady III, The Next Edition?" That's the direction this is ultimately headed.

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(Lyman 5A) scope. Both would be correct. But during the sequence in which he shoots a German sniper through the eye by an unlikely shot that enters the German's rifle scope, he has switched to a Unertl 8X sniper scope.

M1903A1/Unertl sniper rifles were issued to the Marine Corps starting in early 1943. They saw action in the Pacific theater only. They were never issued to, or used by, the U.S. Army. Furthermore, no trained sniper would change scopes in the field without re-zeroing the system and certainly not just before he engaged a long-range target. Scopes and mounts of that era could not usually hold zero when removed and re-installed. A very bad *faux pas*, indeed.

No one in his right mind would land on Omaha Beach or walk around the Area of Operations (AO) wearing rank insignia on his uniform or painted on his helmet; not unless he had a very strong death wish. Nor, do patrols move through a combat zone bunched together engaged in frivolous conversation. Be advised that they do in Spielberg's army.

Soldiers in Spielberg's army also disobey orders whenever they feel like it. One of Tom Hanks' men removes a child from a gutted-out building against orders and it costs him his life. The BAR man threatens to walk away and Hanks tells him to go if he wants to. But, the most preposterous act of disobedience — and the one upon which the entire plot spins — is Private Ryan's refusal to go back with the captain portrayed by Tom Hanks. Even more unbelievable, Ryan talks Hanks into staying for what is predictably and obviously a suicidal engagement with German armor.

Of course the average movie critic doesn't know a sniper rifle from a bazooka. But, underlying all of its technical nonsense and the lavish praise it has received in spite of it, is the fact that *Saving Private Ryan* is politically correct to the liberal left. World War II was a good war; the Germans were evil (every damn one of them apparently) and if they got shot when attempting to surrender that was just tough. That this happened as well in Vietnam (and every war since men began throwing spears at each other) was not acceptable because, of course, Vietnam was an unjust war. That is to say, our enemy in Vietnam was politically, and thus uncomfortably, far too close to the left wing in this country. All of which just demonstrates that liberals, and the entertainment industry and media they so tightly control, remain very much agenda-oriented.

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Targeting Sudan

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in Arabia, cultivating powerful contacts in the Arab world. However, with Desert Storm he unfurled his banner when he came out unequivocally for Saddam Hussein. It was a bad mistake; the only people in the Arab world who were keeping his people from starving were those most bitterly opposed to the Iraqi dictator.

Since then, many Iraqis tend to use Khartoum as something of a "clearing house" prior to their infiltrating western countries, usually by way of Egypt or some black West African states, including those from which Washington has recently withdrawn its embassy staff.

Puppet State

In present-day Sudan, it is Tehran's *mullahs* who call the shots. Recent intelligence sitreps point to dozens of insurgent or guerrilla training camps in the desert outside Khartoum that are run by Iranians. These host a variety of malcontents from just about every country in the Islamic world (and quite a few others besides, including dissidents from India, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, South Africa and even as distant as Malaysia, the Philippines and Singapore).

Tehran has spread its net wide. Sudan's xenophobic isolationism helps. It is not surprising therefore, to hear that there are large numbers of Afghan nationals fighting Sudanese Christian dissidents in the south of the country. This is one of the reasons, incidentally, why the SPLA (Sudanese People's Liberation Army) enjoys such strong American government support.

It is necessary to look carefully at the proceedings of the three meetings (over a two-day period) that took place at al-Turabi's house last year. Details were somehow leaked by the Arabic-language, Paris-based newspaper *Al-Watan al-Arabi* (31 October 1997).

Present with Turabi was Dr. Nafi (Ali Nafi), coordinator of "the Agency" (intelligence operations) and chief planner of the assassination attempt on the life of Egypt's President Mubarak in Addis Ababa two years before. It was at this meeting that plans were hatched to bring the "chemical and bacteriological factory" in Khartoum into production. Seven more issues were adopted:

1. The Islamic Arab Peoples' Conference (an annual affair which was allowed to lapse) would be revived. Its purpose, it was reiterated, was "for the exporting of Islamic revolution and the participants committed to (Jihad) holy war."

2. The conferees decided to rebuild, open and expand military training camps in the Sudan. Their activities would be geared to include some states which were considered to have "strayed from true Islamic objectives."

3. Ali Nafi was charged with exporting revolution to Eritrea, and possibly assassinating President Afwerki.

4. Ibrahim al-Salussi was tasked with supervising the camps. Head of the secret police, Ghazi Salah-al-Din would look for local financing. It is believed that he approached bin Laden for cash.

5. Operations would be intensified to support extremist *Iqwan* (Moslem Brotherhood) activities in Egypt. Financial and logistic support to get weapons into Egypt would be offered.

6. The meeting recommended financing for a foreign press effort "that supports the Islamic Arab Peoples' Conference, defends Sudan and backs Islamic ideals." They also agreed to publish a periodical from the Sudanese Embassy in London.

7. This dealt with the chemical and biological warfare factory in the Khartoum-Bahri suburb of Kubar. It was agreed that this would be done in conjunction with the Iraqi and Iranian governments.

8. Members would direct a call to Arab Afghans and intensify contacts "so that they would join their brothers in Khartoum" (to fight the Christian infidels in the south).

Bankrolling Bombers

It is noteworthy that much of what has happened in the Sudan more recently has coincided with the reactivation of foreign military bases in the country. More Iranian military personnel have arrived, together with several arms shipments from China that were off-loaded at Port Sudan. Manifests of these cargoes indicate a new level of sophistication in the war in the south including a greater emphasis on air power. The Sudan has taken delivery of a variety of Russian-built helicopter gunships, as well as late-generation MiG fighters.

Nobody has indicated who would pay for all this since the Sudan is hopelessly bankrupt. Also, three-quarters of its population is illiterate. More important, still, there is very little popular support for the war in the south that has gone on intermittently for 40 years. In call-up letters sent to almost a quarter of a million young Sudanese last year to report for military training, only a few hundred did so. And though Khartoum is secretive about the number of casualties it is taking in this dreadful internecine conflict, these are believed to be higher than ever.

One diplomatic observer in Khartoum ventured that if the casualties were ever made public, the government would be thrown out the next day. This was possibly one of the reasons why President al-Bashir recently made an offer to allow the Christian south a limited form of autonomy. The offer was rejected by the SPLA, probably because the war has been going quite well for them of late.

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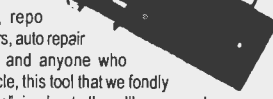
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I Was There

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was today, it can be extremely difficult to do a successful refueling," said Finerty.

Helicopters become "power limited" at high altitude (8,000 ft.) in hot weather when temperatures are in the triple digits. Even choppers like the Pave Hawk have difficulty maneuvering.

"We were pulling all of the power that we had available, and we were not able to move up on the drogue to tank.

Realizing this, Capt. Estock suggested Finerty move to the outside and come "down and in" to make a successful contact.

From my vantage point I could see the fuel basket flopping in the breeze. Every time the tanker's wing moved, that hose also moved.

Although there is less turbulence at night, there are also fewer visual cues. Pilots wearing night-vision goggles have difficulty judging depth perception and NVGs give them only a 40-degree field of view.

"What the tanker does determines what that hose is going to do," said Finerty as he explained his plan of attack.

"If the tanker is bouncing around, the hose is going to be doing the same thing. If it's smooth, you'll come up behind the hose and you'll look at the basket. You want to make sure none of the spokes that guide the basket in flight are broken, because you could hit the side with the probe and puncture the basket instead of hitting one of the spokes and being guided to the connection point."

Finerty says pilots also need to visually check to make sure the parachute drogue is not spinning rapidly, because if you lock onto a spinning basket, the tip of your probe could be unscrewed, and then you're screwed.

"You have to look at the tanker when you approach the drogue, and don't concentrate on the hose that is bobbing up and down," said Finerty, "or you'll be chasing it all day long." Estock says pilots should look at the tanker, look at the wing and the flaps, then at the last moment, check the position of the drogue before making contact with the probe.

"With the drogue flopping all over the sky, the one factor that stays constant is the wing of the aircraft. If we can concentrate on where the wing is in relation to the wind-screen of the helicopter, and don't overreact to what the drogue is doing, it will eventually come back to a stable position for a few seconds, and we can plug the basket," said Estock, who has flown more than his share of hair-raising missions.

"We were at a safe distance, I know, because we didn't hit anything," said Finerty, "but we were fairly close."

Dale B. Cooper is a frequent SOF contributor — and has absolutely no experience skydiving from a 727 in the Pacific Northwest. ✕

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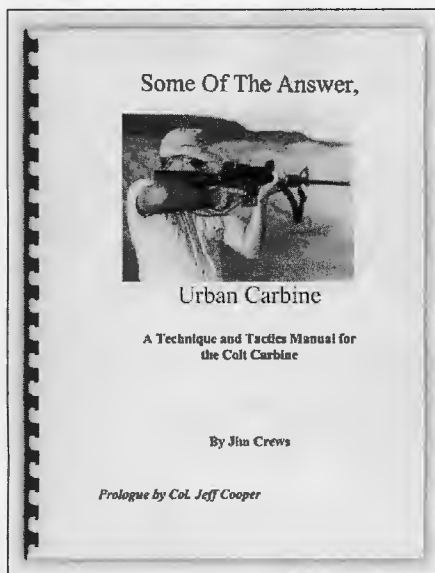
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Not many first-time gun authors can garner a prologue by Jeff Cooper. That Cooper would, in essence, place his personal *imprimatur* on this book is certainly a testimonial from a higher authority. However, I must take issue with Colonel Cooper's appraisal of the 5.56x45mm NATO cartridge as having "somewhat restricted potential." Be that as it may, it's refreshing to see a title in which the author acknowledges from the get-go that he doesn't necessarily have all the answers.

Jim Crews chooses to call the M16/AR15 series an "urban carbine." While I cannot totally agree with this definition, nevertheless his text is oriented toward law-enforcement utilization in mostly urban environments. There is no coverage of the M16's admittedly limited full-auto applications. That is as it should be, as the police can never justify deployment of largely uncontrolled bullet hoses.

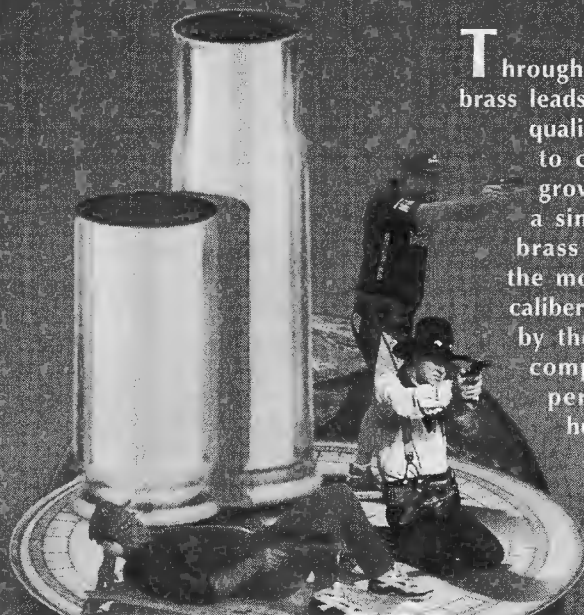
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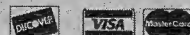
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Ameli, a 5.56x45mm machine gun that looks like a scaled-down MG42, has turned out to be an insubstantial piece of junk and the Spanish army has recently abandoned it.

Bruce's second volume, *Machine Guns Of World War I*, covers the single most important period of machine-gun development. The author examines seven weapon systems in great detail: the German Maxim MG08, Vickers Mk I and Hotchkiss Mle 1914, all of which did great execution on the line; the MG08/15 and Lewis Mk I, the incipient origins of the light machine gun form; the world's first successfully deployed submachine gun, the MP18/I; and the first attempt at an assault rifle, the wretched Chauchat Mle 1915. This volume closes with a brief section on developments after the war.

Both the German MG08 and the Vickers were, of course, Maxim machine guns. The Vickers was no more, or less, than a Maxim in which the "knee break" of the lock connector was inverted, permitting the height of the receiver to be reduced by 2 inches. The Maxim, as fielded by the Germans, weighed 49 pounds with water, its tripod another 77 pounds. The weights for the Vickers were 40 and 50 pounds, respectively. Both of these weapons were called heavy machine guns, until the advent of the .50 caliber Browning MG, after which they were referred to as medium machine guns. The Maxim MG08 and Vickers remain the two great classic belt-fed machine guns of all time, and there is precious little to criticize about either.

The German attempt at a light machine gun, the Maxim MG08/15, is another matter. While used with horrendous effect against Allied offensive advances, the 08/15 was less than ideal as an assault machine gun. With water in its jacket and a full load of ammo in its belt carrier, the 08/15 weighed 43 pounds. This compared unfavorably to its contemporary, the Lewis gun, which tipped the scales at 32.75 pounds, complete with bipod and loaded 47-round magazine. Often called the "Belgian Rattlesnake," the Lewis was precursor to the concept of fire and movement that prevails on today's battlefield. While the French Hotchkiss, the world's first effective air-cooled machine gun, was reliable, robust, accurate and well designed and executed, we cannot say the same for the Chauchat. Although the concept was correct, the weapon fell far short in the very areas in which the Hotchkiss excelled.

By today's standards the German MP18/I would be clumsy and far too heavy (11.6 pounds with loaded magazine). Introduced at the very end of World War I, it was quite effective in the hands of elite German assault teams for clearing trenches. It was so highly regarded that after the war it led to the development of an entire small arms class and ultimately to today's ubiquitous MP5. ❧

was looking for. "He is being obliged to accept second-tier professionals including people from the Balkans who know very little about combat in Africa or, for that matter, anywhere else," he confided. "Though some are former EO personnel, others really don't belong in uniform."

A contact in South Africa told *Intelligence Review* that some of Savimbi's recruiters — people such as Johan Niemoller and Tom Saunders, the latter a driver with one of the SA Reconnaissance Commandos — had been associated with Savimbi for years. More recently, they had been transiting mercenaries to UNITA through Brazzaville and other points to the east, including Kampala.

Niemoller, a wealthy farmer who made his fortune supplying special forces equipment to the SA army, has been linked to arms thefts from a Parachute Battalion headquarters. He is wanted for questioning by the SA Police following the deaths of two people in these weapons' heists. Niemoller is said to be linked to the murder of anti-Apartheid activist Anton Lubowski, in Windhoek, in the mid-'80s.

Paying The Tab

Who is paying for all this? There is some evidence that UNITA's mercenary salaries are being funded from abroad. Payments are apparently being made in U.S. dollars even though Savimbi — in spite of his widespread illicit diamond mining activities — is known to be critically short of foreign currency.

Meanwhile, tension in Angola continues to escalate. Both sides have made wild claims about incidents which have resulted either in exchanges of fire or their followers being driven out of their positions. UNITA commanders cite the forced evacuation of more than 200 towns in the interior because of MPLA military actions. A report in the *Johannesburg Star* on 25 July, said UNITA had lost control of at least 31 wealthy diamond mines last year. It was driven off dozens of others at gunpoint. This is one of the reasons, the paper states, why Savimbi has mobilized.

Luanda's FAA command, in contrast, says that the 100 or so people killed late July near the north-east mining town of Masukku was one of a series of UNITA's "barbaric and brutal attacks." There were also 88 garampeiros (illegal diamond miners) burnt alive at Bula, the government claims. While Luanda claims the perpetrators were UNITA bandits, there is some doubt about this.

A Savimbi spokesman said the 400-odd soldiers responsible for this atrocity were FAA troops on the rampage. "We do not go around killing innocents," he said.

Observers in Luanda maintain that matters deteriorated markedly after U.N. Special Envoy Alioune Blondin Beye died in an air

crash while approaching Abidjan airport in the Ivory Coast last July. Beye, himself an African, had written several reports about Angolan government police and army abuses. He was also the author of a document which used strong language to attack the Luanda government for "fomenting war." His outspoken views caused some government officials to accuse him of being sympathetic to Savimbi, though Beye, before his death, protested that this was not so.

What is known, is that Luanda had been deeply suspicious of Beye's "peacekeeping" role in the country. He had publicly voiced dissatisfaction about corruption in a society where the leaders lived in grand style while the rest of the country starved. At the same time, it has always been an open secret in Luanda that nothing that Beye supplied on behalf of the U.N. — in foodstuffs, humanitarian aid or in the transport needed to get it all there — came without a price-tag attached. While he couldn't, in the long term, actually cut off international humanitarian aid, Beye had installed a complex and time-wasting bureaucracy that would not function without the right "incentives." It is interesting that, in spite of a variety of U.N. checks and balances in place, his influence appeared to have extended deep into the private sector.

Propaganda War

Several flight crews with the South African aviation company responsible for flying this man around Africa and to whom the author had access after the Abidjan accident, were convinced that Beye's aircraft — a King Air which had just returned from major service — was sabotaged before take-off from Lome. While this claim has not been substantiated, the U.N. is concerned enough to have ordered an official investigation into circumstances surrounding the incident.

With Beye gone, and his successor Issa Diallo only just arrived, Luanda has launched a powerful propaganda war against Savimbi. This is in contravention of the 1994 peace agreement. Since UNITA switched off its own radio station, Vorgan, in compliance with the accords, Angolans are now being bombarded with what Western diplomats refer to as "fabricated news reports of UNITA atrocities." This has led some western and NGO officials in Luanda to suggest that panic is being stirred up intentionally as a prelude to President dos Santos launching a full-scale attack on Savimbi's rebel armies.

According to the *London Economist* (8 August), "the propaganda campaign has become so virulent that the U.N. as well as the American embassy have issued statements denouncing the use of 'false information' and 'provocative rhetoric.' UNITA now threatens to reactivate its radio station and start broadcasting again."

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Editor's Note: Look for the second part of this article in an upcoming issue. ❧

Man in The Arena

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much says it all. "The Venezuelans are scared stiff as they see the threat spreading," contends Messing.

Due to NDCF's in-depth research and "on the ground" studies, plus Major Messing's testimony before the U.S. Congress, the FARC and ELN narco-guerrillas were officially listed as terrorist organizations by the U.S. State Department in October 1977. It was a vindication of sorts for Messing and the NDCF staff. "They always were narco-terrorists ... it was a designation that was long overdue, but was held up for purely political reasons. Once Ambassador Frechette left Colombia, the state department finally termed the narco-guerrilla groups as terrorist elements," states Messing.

The Man In The Arena

Today, the violence not only continues — it escalates! From May to September of this year, the narco-guerrillas have launched three offensives. The security forces have paid dearly with nearly 1,500 casualties thus far. As Southern Commander Gen. Charles Wilhelm, USMC testified before congress, "Colombia is ill-prepared to effectively counter these threats, due in part

to weak national leadership and an overloaded, often corrupt, judicial system and, in part due to the ineffectiveness of its security forces."

Our constant in this equation remains Gen. Serrano. Serrano is the man who is stuck in the middle of this brutal struggle. He's *The Man In The Arena* that Theodore Roosevelt spoke about so eloquently. General Serrano has been recognized as such by some Clinton administration officials and many members of the U.S. congress. FBI Director Louis Freeh called Gen. Serrano "a true hero of international law enforcement." Our DEA boss Thomas Constantine contends that Serrano "is an example to us all in the fight against illegal drugs."

"Praise such as this does not come easy from Freeh and Constantine" says Col. Corson ... "but the support for Gen. Serrano was used for barter for purely diplomatic and political reasons by the state Department. Hell, the DEA had less than 50% of the number of agents they rated at the U.S. Embassy ... that ought to tell you something about Ambassador Frechette's priorities in stopping drugs where they start ... and all that information came out in congressional testimony: It's a matter of official record."

The Future

With all the challenges, broken promis-

es, betrayals and new threats facing Colombia, after five years Gen. Serrano is still there. He could be outgunned and outmanned... but he remains the man in the middle of the war on drugs, and he's finding some allies. Like Teddy Roosevelt's *The Man in the Arena*, Serrano knows he is spending himself and his men in a worthy cause. Some people are recognizing what they've been up against. The nagging questions, of course, are: Why did it take so long? Who is accountable? And, at what price? Unfortunately, there are no answers from the state department authorities, as of yet. In the meantime, the foremost hero in the war on drugs must seek answers with a higher authority at his daily, 0500 Mass.

(Next month, the conclusion of this article will plot some possible courses of action.)

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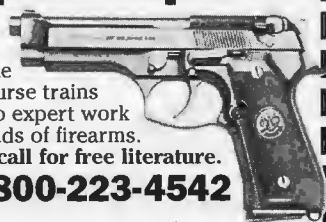
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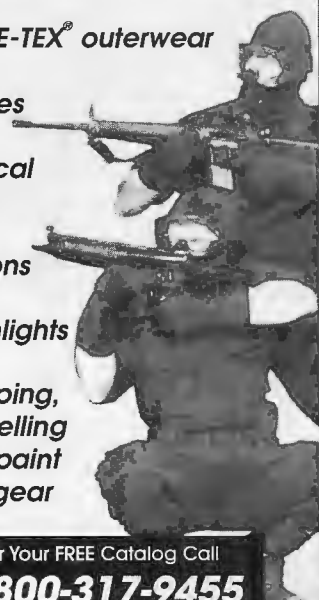
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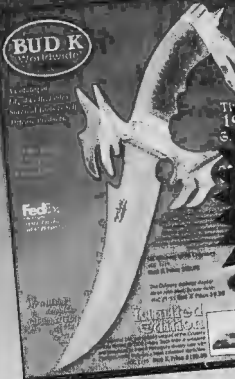
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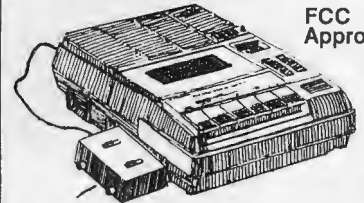
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The Scalpel vs. The Sledgehammer

Cruise missiles lit up the skies over Afghanistan and Sudan last week. Seventy-five fell on terrorist training camps and on the bad medicine factory in Khartoum. The going rate for a cruise these days is a million bucks. Throw in what it cost to launch and follow up on the strikes, and you've got a \$200 million bonfire of the vanities.

You can declare war on terrorists with missiles. They make the kind of noise the whole world can hear. And there's no question that the message we sent needed to be sent. The problem is that while we can declare war with our Tomahawks, we can't really fight terrorists with them. Worse, we won't win if we do.

The counterstrikes last week killed 50-odd terrorists in Afghanistan at a huge dollar cost, leaving who knows how many tens of thousands to go. You don't have to be H&R Block to do the math; reach for the Tomahawk every time and you'll go broke long before the bad guys belly up.

Various reports put Osama bin Laden's personal fortune at anywhere from \$150 million to \$5 billion. That's what he's got to spend. Here's an interesting thought: If we agreed to limit ourselves to the same assets and make it his \$5 billion against our \$5 billion, who do you think would win?

Right. Because bin Laden is being a lot sharper than we are. That's what guerrillas and terrorists do — they don't out-shoot us, they out-smart us.

Here are the basics: In the war that both sides have now declared, the United States presents a very big fixed target. The terrorists present a very small, very mobile target. As soon as the president and secretary of defense, both of whom dodged the draft in Vietnam and have no first-hand knowledge of the basics, get over congratulating themselves on the strike, they are going to have to take a harder look at the truth.

When you've been badly stung by a bee, it ain't exactly swift to try to take out its nest with a baseball bat.

The terrorist strikes on our embassies in Tanzania and Kenya were an outrage that demanded retaliation. And the missile strikes did make our intentions clear. That's not the question. Once again, what we need to figure out is what's the smartest way to wage this war.

And the record shows that the sledgehammer approach seldom works against terrorists. Israel's been fighting terrorists for 50



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years. When a bomb explodes in that tormented land — bet on it — the suspects' home bases get clobbered. But has all this firepower worked? Nope. A month seldom passes when a terrorist bomb doesn't explode on the streets of Israel.

In 1986, Libyan terrorists blew up a Berlin disco, killing U.S. soldiers. Ronald Reagan responded with bombs. Reagan's security advisors did "Attaboys" for several years — until Libyan terrorists struck back, killing 270 people over Scotland on Pam Am 103.

The Cruise missiles did four things: batted the bee's nest; gave the zealots' cause the world-wide propaganda *coup* that's always the terrorist's endgame: "Just look at what that bully, the Great Satan, has done to us now. Look at all the innocent dead," unified Arab anti-American feelings around the globe — and made a ton of money for the missile-makers while justifying all those expensive ships.

The Brits, who've been under terrorist siege since the invention of gun powder, take a different approach. While they take the occasional hit, their MO is to catch terrorists through detective and intelligence work. Yes, they believe in punishing the terrorist, but they learned a long time ago that traditional military solutions don't work. So they use a scalpel rather than a sledgehammer; brains over brawn.

We should ask our British cousins to show us their way. Fighting terrorism just ain't about whoever makes the most noise. The smart way is through deterrence and prevention — through clever intelligence, well-trained people and a strong proactive plan.

I hope our generals and admirals change their "Bomb-them-back-to-the-Stone-Age" mindset. Sure, the sledgehammer worked in World War II; but it didn't in Vietnam.

And it's a recipe for failure in our newest war.

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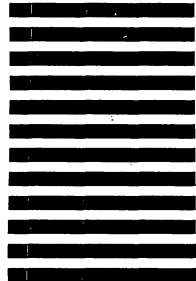
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